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Mayor's race is a four-man affair

Candidates will debate issues Monday at GCHS



Bowler



Melton

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

Four Granite City men are seeking the mayor's post in the April 1 election. Paul Ray Bowler, Dewey Melton, incumbent Ron Selph and David Partney will have the opportunity to present their views on local government at a mayoral forum sponsored by the Granite City Press-Record/Journal at 8 p.m. Monday in the Granite City High School auditorium.

The event is free and open to the public. The doors will open at 7:30 p.m. Each candidate will be given five minutes to present opening remarks. Each will then be given two minutes to answer a series of questions from the moderator.

After the question and answer period, candidates will then be provided three minutes each to give a concluding statement. BOWLER, 45, of the 2700 block of Center Street, holds a master's degree in administration from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville and a certificate of

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accomplishment from the Export/Import Bank of the United States. According to his resume, he serves as a financial consultant in Europe arranging loans, guarantees and letters of credit for commercial ventures in new and emerging Eastern Bloc countries. He has also served as an instructor for Belleville Area College, the Granite City School District and other school districts.

Bowler said he was instrumental in bringing Heidman Steel, Feralloy and several other firms to Granite City during his stint as an alderman from 1977 to 1985. He was first elected to the post at age 25, and served as chairman of the Finance, Planning and Zoning, Industrial Search and Insurance committees for the City Council.

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Bowler served as a member of the Granite City School Board from 1987 to 1991. Bowler's campaign has emphasized economic development, community policing and city finances.

He has proposed affordable housing for senior citizens and said he will soon announce details of that plan.

He said the lack of a city audit the last four years cost the city its bond rating, and that developers will be hesitant to invest in the community because of that bond rating.

MELTON, 57, of the 2500 block of Westmoreland, is a retired IBM executive, former school board member and president, former police commissioner and former chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

He holds a bachelor's degree in economics from Southern Illinois University.

Melton was responsible for project and

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Selph



Partney

Pontoon OKs pay to police

By Michelle Duell
Staff writer

The Pontoon Beach Village Board of Trustees agreed Wednesday to immediately pay employees of the Pontoon Beach Police Department money owed them for holidays, health insurance and salary.

The board also agreed that overpaid employees within the department should repay the village on a voluntary basis.

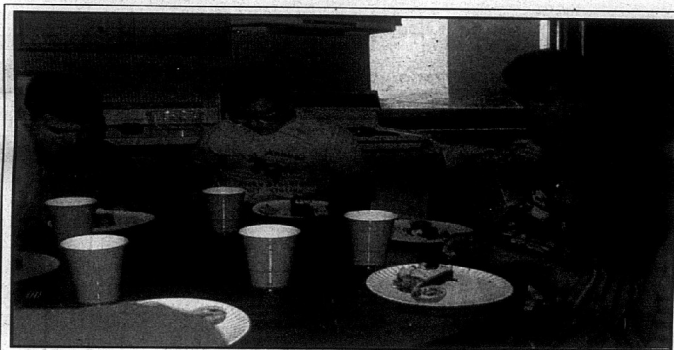
Those who failed to do so would have the refund taken out of their coming holiday pay, it was decided.

The mixup concerning salaries, insurance and holiday pay occurred because of poor money management, said Trustee Mike Macke.

"Our accounting system around here on checks and balances stinks," he said.

The village receives the amount of hours and pay from the village's chief of police, a village official said. A.D.P. of St. Louis then figures the amounts provided and issues paychecks. Trustee Gus Falter, who researched the amount of money the village owed, said it would be paying \$2,122 for holidays, \$2,117 for insurance.

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(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

Dagmar Davis, Life Skills teacher at Granite City High School, at right, shows her students how to fold a napkin before eating while sharing her birthday cake with them. Seated with her, from left, are Becky Tidwell, with back turned, Jeff Annable, Jonathon Grafton and Isom Bledsoe.

Learning life skills

Program helps students master basic tasks

By Michelle Duell
Staff writer

At the Teenage Life Skills Class at Granite City Senior High School, nine developmentally delayed students learning basic independence skills have been helping mail out a Madison County newsletter titled the "Buzz."

These students, 16 to 21 years old and trainable for jobs, collate the pages of the "Buzz," fold, staple and apply address labels and sort the newsletter by zip code, their teacher, Dagmar Davis, said.

The process helps the students become familiar with assembly line skills and teaches them certain repetitive vocational skills. As a result, while they are doing piece work, they are effectively learning to work as a group, Davis said.

The repetitive tasks also help build physical and mental stamina and promote the work ethic of staying with a job until it is completed, Davis said. While performing the tasks involved with the newsletter, they listen to and remember special rules for each job, a

(See SKILLS, Page 7A)

Robbery suspect sought

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

Granite City police are seeking the assistance of the public in locating a suspect in a restaurant robbery.

Donald A. Long, 29, of the Haynes Apartments in the 700 block of Webster Street in Madison, is wanted for the Nov. 23 armed robbery of \$133 from the Subway sandwich shop at 2216 Madison Ave.

Long has been at large since his March 6 acquittal on a federal bank robbery charge. Long had been accused of robbing Roosevelt Bank in the 1800 block of Delmar Avenue Dec. 2, but a federal jury refused to convict him.

He was arrested shortly after the robbery and held in police custody until the federal court trial.

Police said they had suspected during the bank robbery investigation that Long was involved in the sandwich shop robbery.

Long was charged with the sandwich shop robbery March 7 — the day after his acquittal of the bank robbery. Bond on the armed robbery warrant is \$75,000.

Persons with information about Long's whereabouts are urged to call their local police department.

Goforth gets 25 years

Convicted cocaine dealer and fugitive Ron Goforth has been sentenced to 25 years in prison and fined \$10,000.

Madison County Circuit Judge Larry Keshner handed down the sentence Friday in Edwardsville.

Goforth, a Granite City native, was not present for the sentencing hearing. He has been on the run from authorities since

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A partial lunar eclipse will occur tonight, Sunday, March 23, as the earth passes between the sun and moon. The lunar eclipse will peak around 11 p.m. Central Standard Time and will be visible locally.

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Annexation talk begins

Cities look at area in new 2,700-acre enterprise zone

Wednesday's signing by Gov. Jim Edgar of a new law that authorizes a 2,700-acre enterprise zone has already spurred talk of annexation of the land.

"Certainly, we are interested in this development," said Edwardsville Mayor Gary Niebur said. "It is adjacent to the city limits, and we look forward to learning more about it and working with the developer."

The village of Pontoon Beach, which includes some of the proposed area, also has expressed interest in further annexations.

The enterprise zone is expected to help promote a new light industrial and commercial development similar in nature to Earth City in St. Louis County. Such zones provide developers and property owners with breaks on property and sales taxes. The proposed boundaries would take in the intersection of Interstate 270 with Illinois Route 111 and the proposed extension of Interstate 255.

A group of developers headed by Thomas Development Inc. of St. Charles, Mo., has proposed building the multi-use Gateway Commerce Center in the area. The developers have options to buy about 80 percent of the property and expect to break ground on the first phase this spring.

The new law authorizes the Southwestern Illinois Development Authority to create the zone and set its actual boundaries after a series of public hearings.

Edgar signed the bill about 1:30 p.m. in Springfield. On hand were local state legislators and representatives of the developers.

"Development of this industrial park will create countless new jobs and provide other significant benefits to the regional and state economies," Edgar said.

Rodney Thomas, president and owner of Thomas Development, thanked officials who have worked on the project. "The single most important reason we decided on Madison County and Illinois is because of the encouragement and cooperation we received from state and local officials."

Thomas has secured a five-year tax abatement on a 69-acre tract of ground in the first phase of the development along Route 111. The abatement was approved by the Madison County Board because the area is unincorporated.

Board Chairman Rudy Papa, D-Bethalto, said he would be open to authorizing further tax abatements. "We have always been involved in economic development."

Allan Orthals, director of the development authority, said he is pleased with the passage of the law but that there is still much work to be done before the enterprise zone becomes a reality.

State Sen. Evelyn Bowles, D-Edwardsville, said, "We have only begun to realize the potential" that the new development represents.

One of the officers of the project, David Sherrill of the Sherrill Associates engineering firm of Edwardsville, said the Gateway Commerce Center may someday include a hotel, restaurant and entertainment facilities along I-270.

Sherrill said the development may require additional services from a municipality at some point, but he declined to provide details of discussions with Pontoon Beach or Edwardsville.

Niebur said the development will be very positive for the region, no matter which political entity has jurisdiction over it.

—From The Telegraph

Board OKs donation for fund campaign

A \$75,000 contribution to a local development group working to promote the Metro East area was approved Wednesday by the Madison County Board.

The money was requested by the Leadership Council Southwestern Illinois for its new fund-raising campaign, a primary focus of which is head off closing of local military bases.

The next round of base closings isn't scheduled until 2001, but local leaders said they want to be ready.

"We don't want to be caught with our hands in our pockets, like we were last time," said board Chairman Rudy Papa, D-Bethalto.

Both Scott Air Force Base in St. Clair County and the Melvin Price Army Support Center in Granite City are possible targets of further base closings.

The St. Clair County Board also has approved a \$75,000 contribution to the Leadership Council.

Other County Board items approved Wednesday included: An emergency appropriation of \$76,000 to hire two new deputy coroners in the Madison County coroner's office and buy a new car for the

office. The new deputies will bring the total number of working deputies to six.

Coroner Dallas Burke said the new personnel will allow better coverage of the county and help to ease pressure on her staff.

A resolution expressing the county's support for an alternative funding source for public schools and urging the Illinois Legislature to limit the use of real estate taxes for schools.

A fee increase to \$6 from \$2 for the law library fee, which is charged on every lawsuit filed in the county for maintenance of the courthouse's law library.

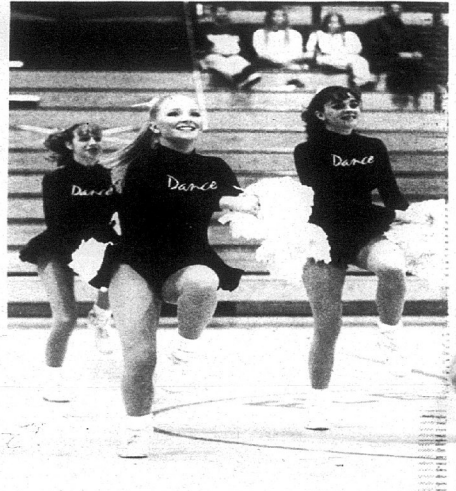
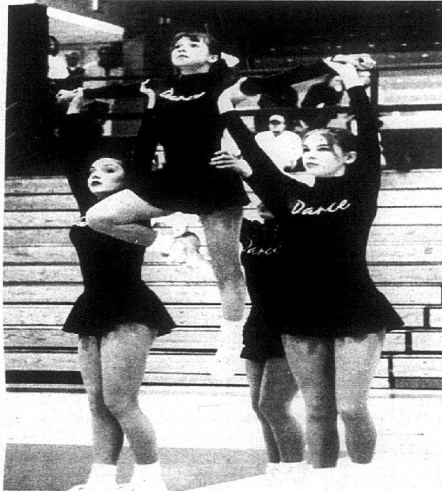
A resolution to designate engineer Jimmy Stuart of Edwardsville to inspect construction of the proposed Gateway Commerce Center light industrial park along Interstate 270 near Illinois Route 111 and Interstate 255.

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Performers — Above, Granite City High School pom squad members Beth Reiter, front, and Julie Mills, left, and Emily Halvachs perform a routine at the Illinois Drill Team Association South Supersectional competition March 8 at Collinsville High School. Below left, Holy Ryan, left, and Robin Bloomquist, right, hold Kristen Berniax in the air during the squad's performance. Below right, Julie Mills, Beth Reiter and Emily Halvachs dance to the music.



Talk to focus on aging, happiness

St. Elizabeth Medical Center's Behavioral Health System will present a talk on "Aging, Happiness, Sadness and More" at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 25, given by Barbara Gaddo, R.N., of the Behavioral Health System. The talk will be held at St. Elizabeth Medical Center's Pascual Hall in Granite City and is free and open to the public. Call the Resource Center at 788-3888 to register.

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by Jerry Besserman & Tina Stanley REALTORS
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NEWS

3 seeking 2 park board spots Patterson hoping to unseat either Motil or Dombek

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

Three individuals are seeking two positions on the Granite City Park District Board of Commissioners. Incumbents Ron Motil and Dr. D. Dombek are seeking re-election to the park board, while Brian Patterson is seeking to unseat one of them in the April 1 election.

Motil, 40, of Terrace Lane, is a lifelong area resident. He and his wife Catherine have three children, Katie, 11; Benjamin, 10; and Gregory, 7.

Motil is an attorney associated with the law firm of Peel, Beatty, Motil and Walters. He has been employed in the past as a steelworker and by the Madison County Circuit Clerk's office.

A 1974 graduate of Granite City High School South, Motil obtained a bachelor's degree from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville in 1979 and his law degree from St. Louis University School of Law in 1983.

He is a member of Holy Family Catholic Church, Elks Lodge 1063 and Knights of Columbus Lodge 1096.

Motil is currently president of the park

board and chairman of the Granite City Regional Wastewater Treatment Board.

"I am seeking re-election to the board of commissioners of the Granite City Park District so that I may take part in the continued improvement of the programs and facilities of the park district," Motil said.

"During the past several years, the park district has been progressing to the status of one of the best in the state of Illinois and I will continue to provide the work and effort needed to fully enhance the park system's beauty and its future."

Motil said his experience on the park board over the past six years make him well qualified for the position.

If re-elected, he said, he will work toward continued expansion of and increased participation in park sports and recreation programs for children, adults and senior citizens; continued improvement of park facilities such as the ice rink, ball fields and parks while maintaining sound fiscal policies; the addition of handicapped-accessible playground equipment at Robertson, Rose, Tri-City and Stearns parks; the installation of brick memorial walkways in Wilson Park to replace the old asphalt

sidewalks in the garden areas; and continued cooperation with other branches of government.

"I truly believe that the park district is one of our greatest community assets and I will strive to protect its future while representing the interests of all the district's residents," Motil said.

The is the second attempt at election to the park board for Patterson, 35, of the 2600 block of State Street. He is a mechanic and owner of Patterson Tire.

A 1980 graduate of Granite City High School North, Patterson has been involved in numerous park activities.

"I own my own business and I know the business side of (park operations)," Patterson said. "I just think I could do a better job than my competition."

Patterson said he intends to make the ice skating rink "once again the jewel of the park," to build a gazebo at Barry Loman Park in West Granite and to "get a better value for our tax money."

Dombek did not return a candidate information questionnaire to the newspaper.

12 in races for Venice positions

By Michelle Duell
Staff writer

Twelve Venice candidates are running in the April 1 election for mayoral and aldermanic positions in the community's four wards.

They include incumbent Mayor Tyrone Echols, running for re-election against James Harrell and Edward Hogan.

In aldermanic races, Victor Valentine Sr. and Henry Fletcher are seeking re-election in Ward IV; Lena Bell is seeking re-election in Ward I against Earl Hogan and Carolyn Wilson; Ward II Alderman George Wade is being opposed by candidates Milton Wright and Ricky Williams; and Alderman George Irvin, Ward III, is unopposed.

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The 59-year-old Echols said he wants to continue to pursue projects that will provide economic development and produce jobs.

He said he also wants to "continue to fight to eradicate and deter drugs in Venice and seek additional funds to demolish dilapidated and unsafe structures" in the community.

Echols, who has been mayor for the last 18 years, said he is qualified for the position because he "has good contact and rapport with county, state and federal officials."

He has four children — Jeri, Tyrone Jr., Andre and Tyla. Between 1958 and 1966 he worked as a steelworker at Granite City Steel. He attended Dunbar Grade School, Madison High School and Southern Technical University.

He is a member of the Mount Nebo Missionary Baptist Church, the New Hope 22 Masonic Lodge, Operating Engineers, NAACP and Madison County Central Democratic Committee.

Before being elected mayor, he served as an alderman.

Harrell, 47, operates a small income tax preparation business and said he is a manager and finance officer.

A lifelong resident of Venice, he said he is concerned with the city's "decaying conditions."

"I will pursue any and all avenues to bring a better quality of life to the residents..." Harrell said. He also said he would "make every attempt to attract new business by first cleaning up our streets and alleys and seeking repairs to the sewer system."

"I believe one of my strongest attributes is to bring people together for a common cause," Harrell said.

Valentine, 52, has lived in Ward 4 for 50 years, and said because of that, he is qualified for the position.

"I feel that the people of this ward need an honest, capable, hard working person to represent them on key issues that would affect the ward and city," he said. "I have worked hard in the last four years on many issues for our ward, such as demolition of old houses, 200 new registered voters, speaking out on hazardous waste in our ward and city and many other problems."

"I care," Valentine said. "Just getting around the ward on a daily basis to see the people and communicate with them on ward issues has given me a better outlook of my job as alderman."

He said he wants to address "crucial problems," such as long-term job opportunities for the people of Venice, senior citizen awareness, youth awareness, hazardous waste awareness, ward face lifting and general problems with the whole of the ward and drug problems.

Valentine and his wife, JoAnn, have three sons, Victor II, Anthony and Vincent.

He is a graduate of Dunbar Grade School and Madison High School. He also attended Colorado Technical and Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

He has served as past vice commander and commander of the American Legion Post No. 799, past board member of the

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(Staff photo by BOB SLATE)

Street pact — Mayor Ron Selph recently signed a contract with Teamsters and Laborers working for the city's street department workers. Pictured behind Selph, from left, are Jim Schmiedake, Randy Adams, Chuck Lewis and Chris Zahn.



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Obituaries

Ruth Burns

Ruth Ludene (Robertson) Burns, 56, of Madison died at 10:15 p.m. Wednesday, March 19, 1997, at her residence. Born Nov. 20, 1940, in Ullin, she had been ill since August 1996.

Mrs. Burns was employed by St. Mary's Hospital in East St. Louis for 25 years as assistant director of materials management.

Survivors include her mother, Edna Geneva (Provo) Robertson of Madison; two daughters, Wendy Vaughn and Amanda Burns, both of Madison; one son, James Burns of Columbia; two brothers, Roy Robertson of Floral City, Fla., and James Robertson of Jacksonville, Fla.; and five grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father, James Christy Robertson.

Services were held Saturday, March 22, at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road, Granite City, with the Rev. Bill Owens officiating. Graveside services are scheduled for 10 a.m. Monday, March 24, at Olive Cemetery in Dongola.

Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society.

Steve Bezan

Steve "Tip" Bezan, 72, of Granite City died at 4:26 p.m. Thursday, March 20, 1997, in Granite City. Born Dec. 11, 1924, in Madison, he had been a lifelong resident of Granite City.

Mr. Bezan retired in 1986 from the U.S. Army Defense building in St. Louis after 26 years in the catalog supply department. He was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church in Granite City.

A World War II Army veteran, he received two Bronze Service stars for the New Guinea and Luzon campaigns, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one Bronze star, and the Philippine Presidential Unit Citation Badge.

Survivors include his wife, Vivian (Robert) Bezan, whom he married May 25, 1946; one son, Gary S. Bezan of Bartlett, Tenn.; one daughter, Victoria E. Long of Great Bend, Kan.; one brother, Tom R. Bezan of Granite City; two sisters, Ann J. Bicanic and Kay Nemeth, both of Granite City; and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Frank Sr. and Frances (Zolkovich) Bezan; and two brothers, Frank Jr. and Pete Bezan.

Visitation will be from 5 - 8 p.m. today, Sunday, at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road, with a prayer service at 5 p.m. Services are scheduled for 9 a.m. Monday, March 24, at Holy Family Catholic Church, 2606 Washington, with the Rev. Bill Fisherkeller officiating. Burial will be at Calvary Cemetery in Glen Carbon.

Margaret Kraft

Margaret M. Kraft, 81, of Woodridge died at 6:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 19, 1997, at her residence. She was born May 29, 1915, in Granite City.

Mrs. Kraft was a homemaker. Survivors include one daughter, Claire Irene, and one brother, Kenneth Hillen.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Raymond and Clara (Martin) Hillen; her husband, Donald Ladd Kraft; one daughter, Nancy Ann; and one grandson.

A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. today, Palm Sunday, at First United Methodist Church of Downers Grove, 1032 Maple Avenue.

Memorials are suggested to The Organ Fund of First Presbyterian Church, 2150 Delmar Blvd., Granite City. The American Cancer Society, DuPage Area Office, 999 North Main, Glen Ellyn, 60137, or the charity of the donor's choice.

R. Hayes Sr.

Rayburn Hayes Sr., 53, of East St. Louis died Thursday, March 20, 1997, in the emergency room at St. Mary's Hospital in East St. Louis. He was born in St. Louis.

Survivors include five sons, Rayburn Hayes Jr. of St. Louis, Mark T. Hayes, Kennard and Danny M. McDonald, and Royburn McGee, all of East St. Louis; three daughters, Yolanda Howard of Madison, Latoya Crosby of East St. Louis, and Sheila McDonald of St. Louis; one sister, Brenda H. Thomas of East St. Louis; and 12 grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 2 - 7 p.m. today, Sunday, at Nash Funeral Home, 144 N. 16th, East St. Louis. Services are scheduled for 12 noon Wednesday, March 26, at the funeral home with the Rev. Obie Rush officiating. Burial will be at Sunset Gardens of Memory Cemetery in Millstadt.

William Dagon

William R. Dagon, 71, of Pontoon Beach died at 6:10 p.m. Wednesday, March 19, 1997, at his residence following a one-year illness. He was born March 20, 1925, in Hillsboro and had been a Pontoon Beach resident for 33 years.

Mr. Dagon retired in 1988 from Local 129 Painters Union District Council 58 after 30 years as a painter. He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church, past 33-year president of the Pontoon Beach Senior Citizens Center, and former member of the Litchfield Volunteer Fire Department.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth E. (Lahr) Dagon, whom he married Sept. 12, 1964; four sons, George William Dagon of Granite City, James Lee Dagon of Litchfield, and Dennis R. and Jeff E. Morris, both of Granite City; one daughter, Kathy R. Renner of Belleville; two sisters, Mary Bishop of Litchfield and Viola Beddingfield of Virginia; and 11 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Lena Elizabeth (Howard) Dagon; three brothers and one sister.

Services were held Saturday, March 22, at Werner Chapel for Funeral, 3333 Lake Drive, Pontoon Beach, with the Rev. Fred Boatright officiating. Burial was at Elmwood Cemetery in Litchfield.

William O'Neill

William H. O'Neill, 81, of Granite City died at 4:15 a.m. Wednesday, March 19, 1997, at St. Luke's Hospital West in St. Louis. Born Nov. 25, 1915, in Tama-

ra, he had been a resident of Granite City for 55 years.

Mr. O'Neill retired in 1972 from Mobility Equipment Center in St. Louis after 30 years as a heavy duty machinist. He was a member of Nameok United Methodist Church, where he was active in helping with the

girls softball and soccer and known as "Grandpa" to all; Granite City Lodge 5777, Mason Lodge of Granite City, Alnad Shrine Temple, A.A.O.M.S., Hospital Unit of Alnad Temple in East St. Louis, and the Scottish Rite Bodies of Valley of Southern Illinois.

Survivors include his wife, Mildred L. (Matson) O'Neill, whom he married June 22, 1936; one son, "Bill" Robert Long of Granite City; two daughters, Shirley Long of Granite City and Marilyn Szklar of Seminole, Fla.; two sisters, Iva Miller of Pickneyville and Florence Husband of Oklahoma City; seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Francis Edgar and Dora Ann (Stotze) O'Neill; and two brothers, Elvis and Mitchell O'Neill.

Services were held Saturday, March 22, at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road, with the Rev. Jamie Hahn officiating. Burial was at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Memorials are suggested to Shriner's Hospital for Children in St. Louis.

Jewel Filby

Jewel (Helton) Filby, 96, of Edwardsville, formerly of Granite City, died at 3:05 p.m. Thursday, March 20, 1997, at University Manor Nursing Home in Edwardsville. She was born Feb. 24, 1901, in Dixon, Mo.

Mrs. Filby was formerly employed by Famous-Barr in St. Louis as a cashier and at Stamping Works in Granite City. She was a member of First Assembly of God Church in Granite City.

Survivors include one daughter, Mildred Zimmer of Hammel; five grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, the Rev. Leroy Filby, whom she married Dec. 23, 1919; her parents, John and Rachel (Hughes) Helton; and all of her brothers and sisters.

Graveside services were held Saturday, March 22, at St. John Cemetery on Nameok Road with the Rev. Carl Sanderson officiating. Arrangements were handled by Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road, Granite City.

Pontoon

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miuns and a 3-cent adjustment on salaries.

For the last several years, Pontoon Beach has been beset with money management problems. When former Village Treasurer Judy Donaldson left her position a year ago, the village had to pay the IRS \$21,000 because of poor record keeping.

The village board fired her, then hired her again. She later was asked to resign, Falter said.

The village board then eliminated the treasurer's position and created a comptroller's position now held by Lou Whitsell. Whitsell was appointed by Mayor Glen Wilson.

Trustees Macek and Randy Presswood recently blamed Whitsell for more fines the village may have to pay to the IRS.

Whitsell said at a previous meeting that he had not mailed 1099 tax forms to any self employed entity contracted to work for the village that earned \$500 or more.

A spokeswoman for the IRS said the city would have to pay fines of \$100 for each entity that received payment of \$600 or more as a result of the oversight, unless the village responded to it by March 31.

Whitsell said he was not responsible for the 1099 forms and that none of the entities were entitled to receive the forms because they weren't paid more than \$500.

He then presented a list of Zoning Board members considered to be contract workers who were paid more than \$500, calling the figures "only small amounts" and "travel expenses."

"This (the 1099s) was flagged the first week of December," Macek said. "We didn't do anything about it then. We have an undefined comptroller's device at the school Wednesday."

Whitsell argued that Falter had told him ADP would take care of all the tax forms for payroll.

But Macek said 1099s were not payroll forms.

The IRS recently verified this.

"Pontoon Beach could be fined a few hundred dollars," Whitsell said. "It's no big deal. I'll pay it out of my own pocket if you want me to."

8th grader arrested

An eighth grade student at Grigsby Middle School has been placed in the Madison County detention home for allegedly possessing an incendiary device at the school Wednesday.

An investigation into the matter is continuing and other youths may be charged, Grigsby Principal Alan Cridler said.

According to a police report, a male eighth grade student set off a carbon dioxide cartridge in a boys' restroom at about 3 p.m. Wednesday. Police arrested the student shortly after the incident took place.

Goforth

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Dec. 5 — the day before a Madison County jury found him guilty of possessing more than 900 grams of cocaine with the intent to sell it in June of 1993.

Goforth was eligible for a sentence of 60 years in prison and a \$500,000 fine.

Agents from the Metropolitan Enforcement Group of Southwestern Illinois seized more than two kilos of cocaine — with an estimated street value of about \$100,000 — \$5,000 cash and several guns from Goforth's home in the 2900 block of East 22nd Street at about 3 a.m. June 2, 1993.

Goforth was free on \$75,000 bond for more than three and a half years before his week-long trial in December 1996. He testified on his own behalf on Dec. 5 and then did not return to the court room after a lunch break. His business partner Bob Bell reported a van to which Goforth had keys stolen the next day.

Goforth was convicted the day the van was reported missing, and authorities have been seeking him since.

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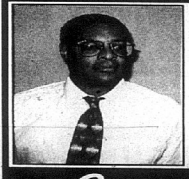
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•Mayor

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systems management, systems and financial analysis, marketing and negotiations at IBM. He also worked on the space program at McDonnell Aircraft.

Melton's campaign has focused on leadership, preservation of property values and economic development. Melton said the city is in transition from primarily owner-occupied housing to primarily rental property. He wants to reverse that trend, and has proposed establishing volunteer "focus groups" to gather ideas and experiences of other communities that have overcome similar circumstances. He has suggested establishing incentives for first-time home buyers to convert rental housing back to owner-occupied housing, and has also proposed an aggressive marketing campaign illustrating the advantages of living in Granite City.

He said beautification efforts and personal calls on all new residents can re-instill a confidence in the community and stem the "fear-based exodus to the bluffs." He said increased inspections at property owned by frequent code violators and other efforts could motivate residents to clean up code violations without resorting to fines.

Melton has also criticized the current administration's economic development efforts. He said he has a commitment from several prominent developers to participate in an analysis and report defining what the community must do to attract new commercial and industrial development.

Melton is a deacon at Third Baptist Church and has taught Sunday School for 20 years. He and his wife Karen have four children and two grandchildren.

His hobbies include golf, gardening and reading.

SELPH, 50, of the 3200 block of Westchester Drive, is a retired 20-year Granite City police officer, having attained the rank of assistant chief. He worked for the U.S. Marshall's Service for two years before being elected four years ago from a field of 10 mayoral candidates. He is currently chairman of the Madison County Transit District, serves on the East-West Gateway Coordinating Council, is vice chairman of the Madison County Transportation Committee, serves on the boards of the Southwestern Illinois Law Enforcement Commission, St. Elizabeth Medical Center, the Southwest Illinois Planning Commission, Coordinated Youth and Human Services and the Illinois Tax Increment Finance Association.

A lifelong resident of the city, Selph is a graduate of Granite City High School and holds a bachelor's degree in administration of justice from McKendree College and an associate's degree from Belleville Area College. He also teaches part time at BAC.

He received the "Above and Beyond Award" from BAC, was named the school's Distinguished Alumnus in 1996, and received the INVOLVE Award from the Southwestern Illinois Law Enforcement Commission.

Selph's campaign has focused on his record of

accomplishments in the past four years.

Unemployment in Granite City recently reached a 30-year low and industry has invested more than \$150 million in Granite City during the last four years.

Selph said public safety, jobs and economic development, improvements to infrastructure and quality of life are key issues facing the city.

During Selph's tenure, the city has increased the number of police officers to 53; expanded the Drug Abuse Resistance Education Program in schools; purchased a new pumper and thermal imaging helmet for the fire department; installed a voice emergency warning system to replace a 35-year-old siren system; refurbished an ambulance; created a tax increment finance district for Granite City Steel, creating 50 new jobs and securing the future of the local plant; completed the creation of a tax increment finance district for American Steel; begun annexation of a portion of the Tri-City Port and agricultural property along Illinois 3 to create an industrial tax increment finance district; forced the repair of 50 derelict buildings and the demolition of 160 more; forced the railroad companies to upgrade or repair every major crossing in the city; and obtained more than \$4 million from the federal government for repairs to sewers.

Selph and his wife Karen have two adult children.

A veteran of the U.S. Coast Guard, Selph is a member of the American Legion, Niedringhaus United Methodist Church, Elks, Eagles, Rotary, the chamber of commerce, Triple Lodge #835, Scottish Rite Masons and Aired Temple Shriner.

PARTNEY, 53, resides on Donald Court with his wife Janet. They have three children.

He is a graduate from Granite City High School and attended Southern Illinois University, majoring in business administration.

He is vice president of sales for All-Fab Metal Fabricators. He is former president of Granite Sheet Metal Works, a former partner of Thomas-Mercer Mortuaries and a veteran of the U.S. Army and Reserves.

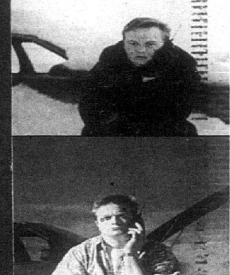
He is a former member and president of the Granite City School Board, former president of the Granite City Jaycees, former director of the Tri-Cities Area Chamber of Commerce, and former two-term chairman of the Tri-Cities Chapter of the American Red Cross.

He is a former member of Teamsters Local 525 and a former member of the Sheet Metal Local 268 Apprentice Program. He is a member of Moose Lodge 272, Elks Lodge 1125, a lifetime member of the International Order of DeMolay and a former recipient of an outstanding sponsor award from the Granite City Park District.

Partney said decent-paying jobs, residential and commercial growth, neighborhood decay, housing for seniors, youth facilities, clogged storm sewers and cluttered curbs, and property taxes are key issues.

Partney has pledged to increase light industrial and commercial development, to aggressively increase annexations, to condemn and tear-down dilapidated buildings, to build new housing through private investment and tax incentives, to work with schools and the YMCA to establish facilities for children's programs, to assign a full-time child abuse officer to deal with abusive situations, to open the mayor's office one Saturday each month, to institute a controlled leaf burning program, to work toward attracting a large outlet mall to the city, and to work toward eliminating township government and the tax burden it creates.

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Charter promises cable upgrade in Venice

By Michelle Duell
Staff writer

A representative of the Charter Communications television cable company on Tuesday presented to the Venice Board of Aldermen a proposal to build what he called a "state-of-the-art cable system" in the community.

James Bogart, vice president of government relations for the company, asked for a renewed franchise with Venice to upgrade the cable system with construction to start in April.

"We would like to get an agreement worked out within the next 30 days," Bogart said.

Mayor Tyrone Echols asked Bogart what the rates would cost.

"Rates right now are a little bit over \$25," Bogart said. "We can't just raise the rates after upgrading, but we expect rates to increase to \$28 to \$29 when new programs are put in place."

Alderman Lena Bell asked Bogart whether interference with television reception during rainstorms would occur after the upgrade.

"No," Bogart said. "The microwave (transmission) will be replaced with fiber optics."

Fiber optics is a type of cable conductor that is usually buried. This conductor transmits light waves, not electricity, which prevents resistance in transmission.

"We're looking to start construction in June and to have service turned on by the end of the year," Bogart added. The board made no motion on the proposal, but Bogart said he would return to address the board at a later date.

Emergency system to be tested

There will be an unscheduled series of tests of Granite City's new emergency early warning system beginning at about 10 a.m. Monday, according to Emergency Services Coordinator Ray Schultz.

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•Skills

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The class has been learning preparation of the newsletter for several years, Davis said. Learning to mail out the newsletter is not their only task.

"We're trying to teach them to be as independent as possible," Davis said. "That includes teaching them how to wash and clean up and dress." They also go to the store and learn how to shop for already prepared foods that are nutritious, go to the post office, the police station, the courthouse and visit a library to familiarize themselves with the area in which they live, she said. Occasionally, the students also go to St. Louis to visit the science center and the zoo, which gives them a little exposure to the world in which they live.

These trips are repeated, Davis said, because repetition is how the students learn. "Everything they do has to be memorized over and over again," she said. "Otherwise, they forget."

"This year, they've been going to the laundromat, a clothing store, collecting recyclable cans and newspapers and visiting the Metrolink."

Eventually, some of them may be able to travel by Metrolink by themselves, Davis said. Davis, who has a master's degree in special education, has been teaching developmentally delayed students for 13 years — a job that requires much patience because the students are both physically and mentally handicapped, she said.



Life Skills student and graduating senior Becky Tidwell washes dishes after lunch.

"It's something I really want to do," she said.

This is her second year of working with the students at Granite City Senior High School. Until last year, the students attended class in Venice. Because it costs money to

travel to St. Louis and go on tours of Granite City, the class is dependent on donations from organizations, Davis said.

If anyone would like to make a donation, they may call the school's administrative office at 451-5800.

County gaining population

Madison County is catching up quickly to St. Clair County in terms of population growth, according to a report released Thursday by the U.S. Census Bureau.

The report estimates that Madison County has grown at a rate of 2.7 percent since 1990, swelling from 249,238 residents to an estimated 256,007.

St. Clair County's growth, however, has leveled off at just 0.6 percent since 1990, the report indicates, edging from 262,852 to an estimated 264,419. During the period analyzed, Madison County gained 6,769 people, compared with St. Clair County's gain of 1,567.

Other area counties also experienced healthy growth, according to estimates. Jersey County climbed to 21,308 people from 20,539, a gain of 3.7 percent.

Macoupin County grew to 48,994 from 47,679, an increase of 2.8 percent. By comparison, the No. 1 growth county in Illinois, according to the estimates, is McHenry County, northwest of Chicago, which grew by a whopping 25.8 percent to 230,555 from 183,241.

The Census Bureau is a part of the U.S. Commerce Department. The estimates are as of July 1, 1996.

— From The Telegraph

Marriage group program

Married couples in the St. Louis area will have a special opportunity to strengthen their marriages April 25-27 at the Kirkwood Inn, located at Interstate 44 and Kirkwood Road. The weekend will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and end at 8 p.m. Sunday.

The Marriage Encounter weekend offers an extended period for husbands and wives to explore themselves and deepen their relationship away from the normal routines of life. Although many couples are involved in the experience, sharing and communication are focused within each couple. Couples will be guided into a method of sharing called "dialog," which involves learning to explore feelings and emotions which are often overlooked or passed by in daily life. This "tool" also enables each couple to invest specific time in their relationship each day.

Although this is a Lutheran Marriage Encounter weekend, all couples are welcome.

To learn more about the Lutheran Marriage Encounter weekend or to request registration forms, call Barb and Barb Carver at 656-2505. Couples may also call Lutheran Marriage Encounter at 1(800)253-1010.



Jeff Annable, left, and Isom Bledsoe, foreground, seat themselves as Life Skills teacher Dagmar Davis, center, instructs Jonathon Grafton, second from left, and Becky Tidwell, right, in setting a table.

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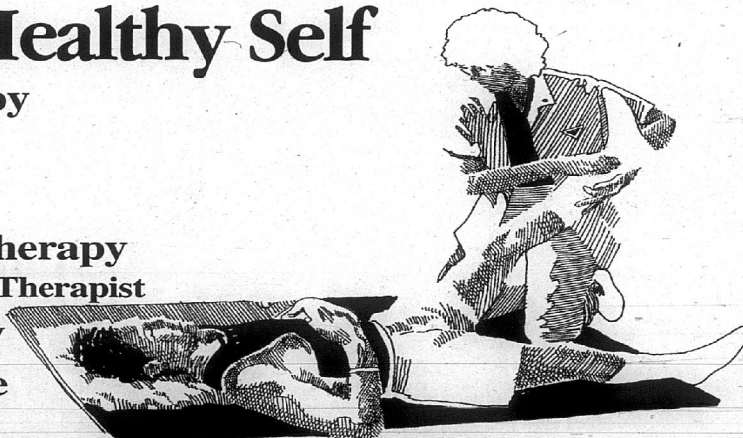
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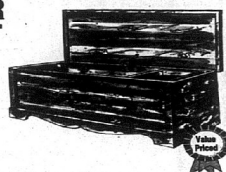
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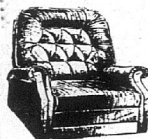
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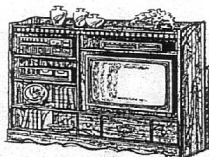
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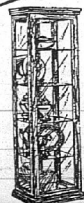
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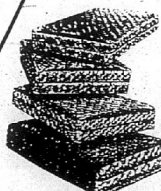
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Goal driven

Lady Warriors set aims higher after 3rd-place finish

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

The Granite City girls soccer program has produced three state finalists in the 1990s, including a final four squad last year. And with no seniors on the 1996 roster and a quality group of incoming freshmen for 1997, this could be the year Gene Baker's girls do something his boys have done a state-record 10 times: win a state championship.

Baker won't commit to championship talk, but prefers simply to say, "We could be very good. In fact, we plan on being very good."

The Lady Warriors, who placed third at state last year, start their season Monday at home against Aquinas-Mercy and will host Incarnate Word on Tuesday. Both games begin with junior varsity action at 4 p.m.

Starting in goal for GCHS will be Julia Murphy, playing in place of Shannon Roth for the first game and a half.



Baker



Junior midfielder Ismahen Mohsen is one of a host of returning players in the GCHS lineup.

Senior Connie Meyers will start at sweeper, while senior Amanda Nizinski will be at right back and sophomore Melissa Montgomery will be the left defender.

The Lady Warriors' midfield will be among the best, if not the best, in the state. From right to left, Baker will start junior Ismahen Mohsen, sophomore Felicia Mohsen, senior Jamie Dellbringe and freshman Erica Todd.

Up front Monday will be

Chrystal Timmons, Melissa Montgomery and Roxie Simpson. Simpson missed last season because of a broken leg.

"We lost a couple of kids from last year who just didn't want to play," Baker said. "They're good players — Tara Tomlinson and Kristin Knox but they just decided not to play."

But even without two returning regulars, the Lady Warriors should be awesome. Last year's team was 15-5-2, losing

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— Gene Baker
GCHS coach

2-1 in the semifinals to eventual state champion St. Charles after defeating Peoria Richwoods 1-0 in the quarterfinals. The third-place game against Libertyville was canceled because of rain and ended in a scoreless tie.

This year's squad is even stronger and has tremendous balance and depth.

"I like some of the factors we have going for us," Baker said. "I like having sisters on the team, just as I like having brothers on the same team. There's some health to that because one tends to bring out the best (See GCHS, Page 48)"



Simpson



(Staff photos by JOHN FRESE)

Debbie Aaron lines up the ball during practice. The Lady Warriors open the season Monday against Aquinas-Mercy.

Dougherty closes out record-filled career

By Brian Bretsch
Staff writer

Jim Dougherty's career at Edwardsville High School is something legends are made of.

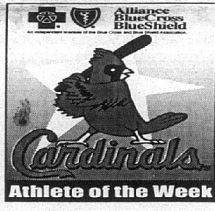
What Dougherty has accomplished, at this point, just looks like big numbers.

Down the road in 10, 20 and 30 years, folks will sit around and think of the time frame of Dougherty.

1994-97 will be brought up. Names like Collin Gardiner,



Dougherty



Steffan Nicholson, Mark Allaria, Kwayera "Q" Jackson and (See DOUGHERTY, Page 38)

Warriors' Edwards commits to Rosary

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

Granite City boys soccer player Eric Edwards has made a verbal commitment to Rosary College in River Forest, Ill.

The Rosary soccer team went 11-4 last season and was kept from advancing to the national tournament, when it lost in the qualifying round to the second-ranked squad in the country.

Edwards, a left back with the Warriors last fall, will play the same position next season

at Rosary.

"Rosary has no left full-back returning for this soccer season," Edwards said. "As a result, the coach told me I will be seeing a great deal of playing time as a freshman. I'll actually move right into the position."

Granite City soccer coach (See EDWARDS, Page 48)



Edwards

Warriors finding their niche at Meramec

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

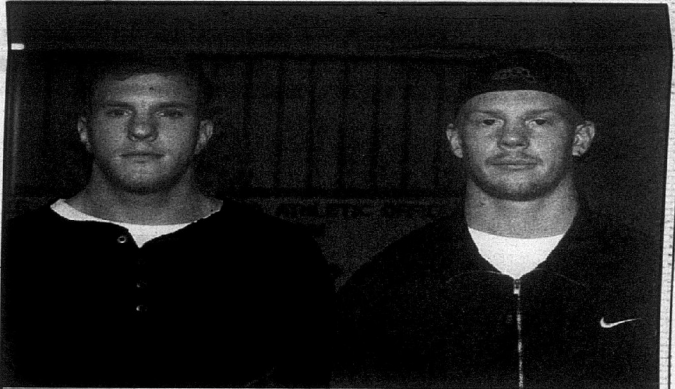
Three Granite City High School graduates helped lead the Meramec Community College wrestling team to a ninth-place finish this season in the national tournament in Bismarck, N.D.

The three former Warriors — 1995 Illinois state runner-up Tony Buchek, 1995 state champion T.J. Slay and 1996 state champ John Venne — all started for Meramec. So far, Meramec coach Ron Mirikitani likes what he has seen from coach Mike Garland's program at Granite City.

"My assistant coach, Joe Brown, says there's a certain kind of water out there in Granite City," joked Mirikitani. "Their kids are real tough. Coach Garland does a tremendous job. We're always happy to look at any kid he wants us to."



Buchek



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

Former GCHS standouts Tony Buchek (left) and John Venne helped lead Meramec Community College to a ninth-place finish at the national tournament this season.

The former Warriors feel the same way about Meramec that Mirikitani does about Granite City.

"It's great being part of a great program and wrestling for a tough team," Venne said. "When you have the quality coaching we do and when you wrestle each day in practice against some of the toughest wrestlers you have ever faced, it only makes you

a better wrestler."

"We came from a quality program in high school," Buchek said. "But in college you have more time to work on various aspects of the sport. I have learned so much from coach Mirikitani. I've learned important techniques and strategy. I've learned to stay in better shape. In college, you wrestle for seven minutes instead of six like in

high school. One minute makes a huge difference. You've got to lift weights and work hard to stay in shape."

Venne agrees. "In high school, a lot of (wrestlers) have a tendency to take it easy during spring and summer. But you pay a price for that. In college, you learn how important it is to get in and stay in shape. Plus, (See MERAMEC, Page 38)"

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(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

Madison High's Clifford Burris drives to the basket during the Trojans' super-sectional win over Carmi-White County March 11 at Eastern Illinois University.

Prep baseball

BELLEVILLE EAST LANCERS

March	
27 at Dupu	4 p.m.
29 East Moline (DH)	11 a.m.
31 at Weslin	4 p.m.

April	
1 at Red Bud	4 p.m.
2 Highland	4:15 p.m.
3 at East St. Louis	4:15 p.m.
5 Quincy (DH)	11 a.m.
6 Collinsville	4:15 p.m.
10 at Belleville West	4:15 p.m.
12 at Mt. Vernon (DH)	4:15 p.m.
15 Alton	4:15 p.m.
17 at Granite City	4:15 p.m.
22 ESL Lincoln	4:15 p.m.
24 Edwardsville	4:15 p.m.
26 at Centralia (DH)	11 a.m.
28 at Althoff (DH)	4:15 p.m.

May	
1 East St. Louis	4:15 p.m.
3 Cahokia	4:15 p.m.
6 at Collinsville	4:15 p.m.
8 Belleville West	4:15 p.m.
9 at O'Fallon (DH)	4:15 p.m.
12 at Alton	4:15 p.m.
15 at Lincoln	4:15 p.m.
17 Freeburg	10 a.m.
19 Triad	4:15 p.m.
20 at Edwardsville	4:15 p.m.
22 at Jerseyville (DH)	4 p.m.
27 Waterloo	4:15 p.m.

BELLEVILLE WEST MAROONS

March	
26 Red Bud	4:15 p.m.

April	
1 New Athens	4:15 p.m.
2 at Gibault	4:15 p.m.
3 at Alton	4:15 p.m.
7 O'Fallon	4:15 p.m.
8 at ESL Lincoln	4:15 p.m.
9 at DeSmet	4:15 p.m.
10 Belleville East	4:15 p.m.
11 Oakville (Mo.)	4:15 p.m.
15 Granite City	4:15 p.m.
17 at Collinsville	4:15 p.m.

March	
19 Waterloo	4:15 p.m.
19 at Althoff (DH)	4:15 p.m.
22 at Edwardsville	4:15 p.m.
24 East St. Louis	4:15 p.m.
26 at Salem	11 a.m.

May	
1 Alton	4:15 p.m.
2 SLUH	4:15 p.m.
3 at Carbondale (DH)	11 a.m.
6 ESL Lincoln	4:15 p.m.
8 at Belleville East	4:15 p.m.
10 at Centralia	11 a.m.
13 at Granite City	4:15 p.m.
15 Collinsville	4:15 p.m.
14 at Freeburg	4:15 p.m.
17 Mt. Vernon (DH)	11 a.m.
19 at East St. Louis	4:15 p.m.
24 Cahokia (DH)	11 a.m.
27 at Highland	4:15 p.m.

March	
27 at Collinsville	4 p.m.
28 East St. Louis	4 p.m.
31 at Dupu	4 p.m.

April	
2 at Roxana	4 p.m.
5 at Marion (DH)	11 a.m.
9 ESL Lincoln	4 p.m.
10 at Red Bud	4:30 p.m.
12 Highland (DH)	1 p.m.
14 Roxana	4 p.m.
16 at Edwardsville	4 p.m.
19 Mt. Vernon (DH)	10 a.m.
24 at Gibault	4:30 p.m.
26 at O'Fallon	4:15 p.m.
29 Centralia (DH)	4 p.m.

May	
3 at Belleville East (DH)	10 a.m.
5 Freeburg	4:30 p.m.
7 Cleveland NJROTC	4 p.m.
8 at Althoff	4 p.m.
10 at Centralia	4 p.m.
14 at ESL Lincoln	4 p.m.
15 O'Fallon	4:15 p.m.
17 Alton (DH)	4:15 p.m.
22 Triad	4:15 p.m.
23 at Edwardsville	4:15 p.m.
24 at Belleville West (DH)	10 a.m.

Boys basketball

Collinsville Sectional

Tuesday, March 4	
Game 1: Belleville East 11, bye	
Game 2: East St. Louis 56, Belleville West 41	
Game 3: Chatham Glenwood 65, Jerseyville 52	
Game 4: Granite City 55, Cahokia 43	

Wednesday, March 5	
Game 5: Edwardsville 65, Taylorville 52	
Game 6: East St. Louis Lincoln 36, Granite City 51	
Game 7: Alton 82, Waterloo 56	
Game 8: Jacksonville 68, Collinsville 47	

Friday, March 7	
Game 9: Belleville East 85, East St. Louis 56	
Game 10: Chatham Glenwood 62, Granite City 51	
Game 11: Edwardsville 67, East St. Louis Lincoln 37	
Game 12: Alton 59, Jacksonville 53	

Tuesday, March 11	
Game 13: Belleville East 74, Chatham Glenwood 47	
Game 14: Alton 72, Edwardsville 69 (6 OT)	

Friday, March 14	
Title: Alton 74, Belleville East 65	

Salem Sectional	
Tuesday, March 4	
Game 1: Mt. Vernon 11, bye	
Game 2: Murphysboro 64, Effingham 46	
Game 3: Carbondale 96, Charleston 61	
Game 4: Paris 56, Marion 42	

Wednesday, March 5	
Game 5: Centralia 81, Mattoon 43	

Game 6: Highland 56, Salem 46	
Game 7: Mt. Carmel 71, Triad 48	
Game 8: O'Fallon 52, Mascoutah 61	

Friday, March 7	
Game 9: Mt. Vernon 48, Murphysboro 43	
Game 10: Carbondale 81, Paris 68	
Game 11: Centralia 82, Highland 55	
Game 12: Mt. Carmel 86, O'Fallon 69	

Tuesday, March 11	
Game 13: Mt. Vernon 67, Carbondale 58	
Game 14: Centralia 74, Mt. Carmel 63	

Friday, March 14	
Title: Mt. Vernon 43, Centralia 38	

Carbondale Super-Sectional	
Tuesday, March 18	
Game 1: Carbondale 53, Mt. Vernon 60	

State tournament	
Friday, March 21	
Game 1: Niles Notre Dame vs. Rockford Boylan, 12:15 p.m.	
Game 2: Mt. Vernon vs. West Aurora, 4:45 p.m.	
Game 3: Hinsdale Central vs. Harvey Thornton, 6:45 p.m.	
Game 4: Chicago Young vs. Peoria Manual, 8:15 p.m.	

Saturday, March 22	
Game 5: Chicago 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 11:15 a.m.	
Game 6: Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 winner, 4:30 p.m.	
Game 7: Game 5 winner vs. Game 6 winner, 8:15 p.m.	

Wednesday, March 5	
Game 8: Centralia 81, Mattoon 43	

March	
25 Highland Park (DH)	11 a.m.
27 Cahokia	4 p.m.

April	
1 at Alton Marquette	4 p.m.
3 at Granite City	4:15 p.m.
4 O'Fallon	4 p.m.
5 Belleville East	4:15 p.m.
6 at Belleville East	4:15 p.m.
8 at Freeburg	4:15 p.m.
10 at Carbondale	4:15 p.m.
12 at Red Bud (DH)	11 a.m.
15 ESL Lincoln	4:15 p.m.
17 Belleville West	4:15 p.m.
19 Columbia (DH)	12 p.m.
21 at East St. Louis	4:15 p.m.
24 Alton	4:15 p.m.

May	
1 Steeleville	4:30 p.m.
5 at Cahokia	4:30 p.m.
6 Valmeyer	4:30 p.m.
7 at Columbia	4:40 p.m.
9 Carlyle	4:30 p.m.
10 at Staunton (DH)	4:30 p.m.
12 at Breese Mater Dei	4:30 p.m.
14 at Westfield	4:30 p.m.
17 at Belleville East, Triad	4:15 p.m.
19 O'Fallon	4:15 p.m.

GRANITE CITY WARRIORS	
March	
27 Mt. Vernon	1 p.m.
29 Washington (DH)	12 p.m.

April	
2 at Wood River	4 p.m.
7 CBC	4:15 p.m.
4 at Waterloo	4 p.m.
5 New Athens (DH)	11 a.m.
7 at Waterloo	4:15 p.m.
8 at Edwardsville	4:15 p.m.
17 at Belleville East	4:15 p.m.
18 at Belleville East	4:15 p.m.
19 at Belleville East	4:15 p.m.
19 at Belleville East	4:15 p.m.
22 at ESL Lincoln	4:15 p.m.
25 Round Robin Tournament	TBA
30 at Althoff	4:15 p.m.

May	
1 at Collinsville	4:15 p.m.
6 Edwardsville	4:15 p.m.
8 East St. Louis	4:15 p.m.
10 at Springfield (DH)	11 a.m.
12 Belleville West	4:15 p.m.
13 at Belleville East	4:15 p.m.
15 Alton	4:15 p.m.
20 ESL Lincoln	4:15 p.m.
22 at Carbondale (DH)	10 a.m.

April	
2 Edwardsville	4:15 p.m.
5 Wood River (DH)	4:15 p.m.
7 at Waterloo	4:30 p.m.
10 at Springfield	4:30 p.m.
10 at Althoff	4:30 p.m.
14 Weslin	4:30 p.m.
16 at Lebanon	4:30 p.m.
18 Marissa	4:30 p.m.
19 Greenville (DH)	11 a.m.

March	
26 at Couvilleville	4 p.m.
29 at Nashville, Mascoutah	10 a.m.

April	
2 Edwardsville	4:15 p.m.
5 Wood River (DH)	4:15 p.m.
7 at Waterloo	4:30 p.m.
10 at Springfield	4:30 p.m.
10 at Althoff	4:30 p.m.
14 Weslin	4:30 p.m.
16 at Lebanon	4:30 p.m.
18 Marissa	4:30 p.m.
19 Greenville (DH)	11 a.m.

Freeburg Midgets	
March	
26 at Couvilleville	4 p.m.
29 at Nashville, Mascoutah	10 a.m.

April	
2 Edwardsville	4:15 p.m.
5 Wood River (DH)	4:15 p.m.
7 at Waterloo	4:30 p.m.
10 at Springfield	4:30 p.m.
10 at Althoff	4:30 p.m.
14 Weslin	4:30 p.m.
16 at Lebanon	4:30 p.m.
18 Marissa	4:30 p.m.
19 Greenville (DH)	11 a.m.

Freeburg Midgets	
March	
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29 at Nashville, Mascoutah	10 a.m.

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10 at Springfield	4:30 p.m.
10 at Althoff	4:30 p.m.
14 Weslin	4:30 p.m.
16 at Lebanon	4:30 p.m.
18 Marissa	4:30 p.m.
19 Greenville (DH)	11 a.m.

Freeburg Midgets	
March	
26 at Couvilleville	4 p.m.
29 at Nashville, Mascoutah	10 a.m.

CLASS A BOYS

Weslin Regional

Monday, Feb. 24	
Game 1: Madison 92, Lovejoy 63	
Game 2: Althoff 83, Lebanon 57	
Tuesday, Feb. 25	
Game 3: Freeburg 52, Weslin 48 (OT)	
Game 4: Venice 90, Dupu 87	
Game 5: Madison 68, Althoff 46	
Game 6: Venice 72, Freeburg 69	
Friday, Feb. 28	
Title: Madison 68, Venice 58	

Vandalia Sectional

Tuesday, March 4	
Game 1: Madison 66, Greenville 54	
Game 2: Farina South Central 63, Litchfield 49	

Friday, March 7

Championship: Madison 53, Farina South Central 35	
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Charleston Super-Sectional

Tuesday, March 11	
Madison 52, Carmi-White County 38	

State tournament

Friday, March 14	
At Carver Arena, Peoria Civic Center	
Game 1: Spring Valley Hall 57, Nashville 45	
Game 2: Normal U-High 68, Madison 60	
Game 3: Chicago St. Francis de Sales 65, Williamsfield 53	
Game 4: Warsaw 64, Nokomis 51	
Game 5: Saturday, March 15	
Game 6: Spring Valley Hall 68, Normal U-High 54	
Game 7: Warsaw 73, St. Francis de Sales 59	
Third place: Normal U-High 60, St. Francis de Sales 59	
State championship: Warsaw 92, Spring Valley Hall 85 (OT)	

Football

FOOTBALL NFL CHALLENGE

The following high school seniors have been invited to take part in the Football NFL Challenge on Saturday, March 29 at Parkway North High School. The event, sponsored by FootAction, Nike and The Princeton Review, will begin at 11 a.m.

Player	School
Matt Brock	Crystal City
Nick Bruns	Freeburg
Josh DeJarnette	Dupo
M.L. Dougherty	Edwardsville
Jamar Fletcher	Hazelwood East
Al Graves	Mehlville
Reggie Herron	Garfield
Brook Heyde	Eureka
Atah Knighten	Gateway Tech
J.J. Lauck	Charles West
Jim Mitchell	Hazelwood Central
Brad Newbanks	Sullivan
Chris Payne	Pattonville
Stephen Rhodes	Webster Groves
Brian Schneider	Mascoutah
Steve Schuch	Mt. Vernon
Matthew Slack	Vashon
Dejuan Wilkes	University City
John Yedlicka	Summit
Eric Yeggin	Parkway Central

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8 East St. Louis	4:15 p.m.
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12 Belleville West	4:15 p.m.
13 at Belleville East	4:15 p.m.
15 Alton	4:15 p.m.
20 ESL Lincoln	4:15 p.m.
22 at Carbondale (DH)	10 a.m.

April	
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5 Wood River (DH)	4:15 p.m.
7 at Waterloo	4:30 p.m.
10 at Springfield	4:30 p.m.
10 at Althoff	4:30 p.m.
14 Weslin	4:30 p.m.
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18 Marissa	4:30 p.m.</

SPORTS

•Dougherty

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Jon Harris will put smiles on their faces. And then Jim Dougherty's name will come up and leave them awestruck.

The numbers Dougherty put up during the past three football and basketball seasons are staggering. An asterisk must be placed next to his numbers in baseball, since he elected not to play his senior season because, in his words, "I just want to be a regular kid."

During the football season last fall, he rewrote every passing record at Edwardsville. He owns the records for most total yards offense in a career (4,960), most consecutive passes attempted without an interception (150), most career passing yards (2,567) and holds six other passing records.

He also owns the state and school records for career points after touchdowns (150) and points after touchdowns in a season (67), and holds two other kicking records.

On the basketball court, Dougherty finished his career as the Tigers' fourth all-time leading scorer. This season, he pumped in 532 points (20.4 ppg) while shooting 55.5 percent from the field.

Dougherty, the Illinois Journal's Cardinal Club Athlete of the Week, said his four years at Edwardsville have gone by in a blip.

"I'm having a hard time with it. It's hard to believe it is over with already," a somber Dougherty said. "It seems like I just moved here yesterday. Now it is all over with. I guess in a couple of weeks I will start looking into the future, but I am still thinking about it."

Dougherty, a native of Peoria who moved to Edwardsville prior to starting high school, will have plenty of things to think about when reflecting on his stellar career. One of Dougherty's biggest basketball highlights came during his sophomore year, when his team won a 3-point field goal in the super-sectional against Centralia sent the Tigers to the Elite Eight.

Last season, Dougherty and the Tigers were on the brink of elimination against Collinsville in the sectional semifinals, trailing by six with less than 20 seconds remaining. But the Tigers tied the game and forced overtime, eventually winning 62-57.

Other memories for Dougherty include losing a front tooth in a basketball game against Granite City this year, a broken ankle in the 1995 football playoffs and a separated shoulder in football last fall.

I hope that is the biggest thing people remember about me, that I was tough and I was competitive and not how many points I scored or whatever," said Dougherty, who recently signed a letter of intent to play football at the University of Missouri.

Don't worry, Jim, people will remember you for your toughness.

One of the most memorable games Dougherty played was in the 1995 Class 5A football quarterfinals against East St. Louis.

Dougherty limped onto the field with a cracked bone in his ankle and still managed to kick a crucial extra point.

"I didn't even think about it. I knew we needed a point," Dougherty said of this memorable PAT. "I just went out there and kicked it. I didn't really think about it."

This year, one memory that will get lost in the shuffle will be the "Tigers' play in the Salem Invitational."

"We beat Mount Vernon by 19," Dougherty said. "They are going to state and we beat them by 19 points. We were playing real good at that point."

The Edwardsville baseball team will most likely be one of the area's elite squads this spring. Dougherty could have been a sparkplug for coach Tom Pile and the Tigers. However, Dougherty knows football is where his future is at. He plans to spend his spring hitting the weights and preparing for Missouri next fall.

There is a strong possibility Dougherty will be red-shirted. There is another possibility that he could be running up and down the court at the Hearnes Center next winter.

"Coach Waldo has called an assistant at Missouri and they said it would be fine. They want me on the team as a walk-on," Dougherty said. "There is a good possibility I will be on the team next year if I make it. I don't know if I will make it or not, but I'm going to try. I'm going to see how school and football goes first."

Edwardsville fans only hope Dougherty will add to an already lengthy list of accomplishments.



(Photo by T.W. MILLER) Edwardsville's Jim Dougherty ended his career No. 4 on the school's all-time scoring list.

Deep South squads left behind a legacy

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

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Through 1945, Lincoln High of East St. Louis, Dunbar High of Madison and Lincoln High of Venice literally played in a league of their own, segregated from mainstream athletics in Illinois because their players' and coaches' skin happened to be black.

The Metro East schools, along with schools from Carbondale to Cairo, were the strongholds of segregation in high school basketball in the state. Barred from state tournament participation, though their counterparts in the North were not, they formed the Southern Illinois Conference of Colored High Schools. They played among themselves and, from 1928 through 1945, held their own annual tournament, completely separate from the IHSA state tournament.

The Deep South schools included Brookport, Lincoln, Cairo, Sumner, Carbondale, Attucks, Herrin, Colp, Metropolis, Dunbar, Mounds, Douglass and Mound City, among others, of which still exist as a distinct entity.

The Metro East schools were Brooklyn Lovejoy, East St. Louis Lincoln, Edwardsville, Lincoln, Madison, Dunbar and Venice Lincoln. The five only Lovejoy and East St. Louis Lincoln still exist. The other

three eventually merged with the white schools in town.

The old Madison Dunbar High School building stood at Jackson and Third. East St. Louis Lincoln's building was located at 10th and Broadway. The Venice Lincoln building still stands as a technical center at 300 4th Street.

The Metro East schools, with the exception of Edwardsville Lincoln, also played in the Illinois Conference of Schools, teaming with Webster Groves, Kinloch and St. Louis schools Sumner, Vashon and Washington Tech to play a yearly home and away series.

The late Joe Russell of Bradley University in Peoria, the former coach at Mounds Douglass High School, remembered those days with a combination of pain and pleasure.

"To be ostracized like we were hurt very much," he said years ago. "But, my, what a time it was! Some of the greatest players to ever play, some of the greatest coaches to ever coach, and some of the greatest teams Illinois has ever seen were going head-to-head off basketball's beaten path. Few people ever saw them. Few people ever knew." F. James Madison, a best-selling mentor George Smith knows, (See SOUTH, Page 4B)

Sports shorts

Select team needs players. A Bantam I select baseball team is seeking players born after Aug. 1, 1986. The team will play in a select league and several tournaments.

Tryouts will be held 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, March 26 at Maryville School. For more information, call Tom Nance at 797-2411.

Khouri sign-ups
Pontoon Beach Khouri League sign-ups for baseball, softball and T-ball will be held 6-8 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at the Pontoon Beach Village Hall, 3910 Highway 111, and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays at Tracy's Shirt Shop, 4084 Park Lane. For more information, call 931-1291 or 931-7902.

Youth soccer league
The Gateway East Illinois Youth Soccer League will be accepting applications for the spring season for boys and girls teams U-10 to U-14. For information, call Tom Posenanski at 656-8834 or E-mail SOC-CER 1941@AOL.COM.

Mitchell registration
The Mitchell Athletic Club is taking team registration for its summer recreational league (non-select) in baseball, softball and T-ball. Boys and girls ages 4-19 are eligible. For more information, call Dave at 931-3690.

Park league sign-ups
The Granite City Park District is now taking registration for youth baseball, T-ball and ponytail softball this summer. The sign-ups are for boys and girls who would like to play in

the 1997 summer park leagues but are not currently on a park district team or have never played in the park district leagues.

Boys and girls who will be ages 6-16 may have their name placed on the list. Every effort will be made to place them on a team.

Boys and girls T-ball is for ages 6-7, youth baseball is for ages 8-16 and ponytail softball is for ages 8-16.

New teams are formed from the compiled list. Names on the list are also used by managers of existing teams who need to fill their rosters.

Anyone interested in coaching or managing a youth baseball, T-ball or ponytail softball team may visit the Wilson Park office or call recreation supervisor Ray Hoffman at 877-3059.

Softball tournament
The St. Louis Girls Fastpitch Spring Softball Tournament will be held April 18-20 by the Creve Coeur (Mo.) Athletic Association. There is a 4-game guarantee.

The entry fee for age groups 10-18 is \$150. For more information, call Mike (532-3218) or John (527-6604).

Adult Softball
The Catholic Youth Council is forming adult slowpitch softball leagues. Leagues are available for coed, men's and women's teams. The 12-game season begins the week of April 20.

For more information or an application, call the CYC office at (314) 371-0105.

AAU tryouts
The Gateway Basketball Club will be holding AAU tryouts for boys ages 10-17. For more information, call David Peeters at 429-2869, 692-1212, 623-1641, or Scott Slocum at (314) 390-2131.

•Meramec

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you learn a lot of new techniques, a lot of strategy, a lot of aspects of wrestling you didn't have time to deal with in high school."

It is not unusual for college wrestlers to devote at least 40 hours each week to training, conditioning, workouts and practices. That means making the grades academically is not easy.

"It's hard balancing athletics and academics," Buchek said. "Trying to get in three work days and still get every thing else done is very hard. But coach checks up on our grades. He'll take us aside and talk with us if we are struggling. He'll get us a tutor if we need help."

"Coach talks academics all the time," Venne said. "There is no doubt that academics take precedence over athletics at Meramec."

"One of the reasons we have been so successful for so many years," said Mirikitani, now in his 27th season, "is that we put a heavy stress on academics. So our college programs are very relaxed regarding academics, but our stress is heavy and our academics are very good."

"Whatever a student needs honors programs, learning labs, tutoring, we provide it. We encourage it. If a student has a slow start in high school, we have the opportunity to catch up here. We offer base college courses and they are all easily transferable."

"We are also successful because we do a good job of placing our kids in a four-year college. A kid can get a quality education at a major college or university if he will apply himself and do the work here. Plus, we schedule lets kids know that they will be seen by a lot of coaches from four-year colleges who will want them to wrestle in their program if they make the grades here."

Mirikitani expects all three GCHS grads to eventually be wrestling in a major college program.

"Buchek has a lot of colleges after him," he said. "He will definitely place in a four-year school. He is a quality young man and an outstanding wrestler. He has been an all-American and had to fight through a really tough bracket in this year's nationals."

"Venne wrestled up three weeks this year. He started at 158 and ended at 190. That is a huge step, but his size and his skills he did really well. We thought he would place in the nationals, but simply to make the nationals was an incredible accomplishment on his part. In the qualifying tournament, he was down 7-1, but came back in the third period to pin his opponent."

"T.J. won 32 matches for us this year. He is an explosive wrestler. He is a hard worker and a dedicated athlete. I'm very pleased with and proud of T.J., especially how he matured as a wrestler and as a human being this year."

Mirikitani said his team wrestled poorly in the first round of the national tournament last month. The squad fell behind early and never caught up.

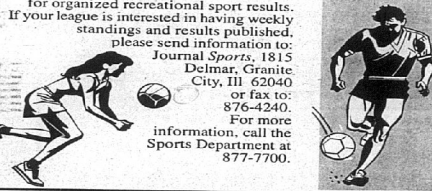
"But he is like that," Mirikitani said. "Just because you work hard doesn't guarantee you'll be successful. Wrestling is a lot like life. Every day, everyone will be fired or work at a job they don't like, but you can't quit. You can't just walk away. That's what life is about and that's what wrestling is about."

"Wrestling is a demanding sport and we demand a great deal of our athletes at Meramec. We don't go easy on them, because life won't go easy on them. If they want to wrestle at the next level, if they want to be successful in college and in life, they need us to be demanding of them."

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The Journal is always on the alert for organized recreational sport results. If your league is interested in having weekly standings and results published, please send information to:

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SPORTS

GCHS

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in the other. And that's usually a characteristic of a quality program.

"We also have five or six left-footers, and that is always an advantage. Each of them can play and each of them can strike the ball very well."

"Plus we have a little bit of height this year. And we've got enough seniors to give us the experience and the leadership we need and we've got the youth that gives us the kind of continuity we want to keep the program going."

"We will have very good scoring balance this year. As good as Dellbringe is, if opponents try to key on Jamie, they'll pay the price this year. And this team will have the most depth we have ever had."

Baker admits to always building his soccer squads from the backfield out, but is confident that this year's team will be strong in all three thirds of the field.

"I think we'll be strong enough to be able to play more systems than we ever have before in the girls program," he said.

This year's schedule is typically tough, but most of the tough games are at home this year. Incarnate Word is loaded. Collinsville will be tough. O'Fallon and Belleville East are young and strong and Alton is on the rebound.

The Lady Warriors travel to face Springfield Sacred Heart-Griffin on May 17. One week before that, they host Chatham Glenwood, which, like Granite City, brings back its team intact from last season.

Also on tap is the always loaded St. Dominic Tournament, April 28-30.

"We have a lot to do to get ready for Monday night," Baker said. "We're a bit tardy in what we're doing right now. Probably everybody else is too. But, we'll catch up and be where we're supposed to be. These kids have a great attitude. And attitude is always important."

"We'll have two weeks of practice in between our first game, but we are not where we want to be yet. The rain put us indoor and indoor is not where you want to be. It isn't the same as being outside. You can't do the same things. You can't do justice to all the girls."

"But you can't question these kids' work ethic and attitude. As long as those remain constant, we'll be all right. This is potentially a very good team."

Dellbringe



(Staff photos by JOHN FRESSE)

Carrie Simpson prepares to strike the ball.

South

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as did Russell, that state tournament history in Illinois would have to be re-written had the southern schools not been segregated.

"There were teams like Mounds Douglass and Carbondale Attucks in the South and Madison Dunbar in the St. Louis region that were as good, if not better, than many of the state champions through those early years of tournament action," Smith said. "And the added tragedy was that basketball fans statewide were kept from seeing some of the greatest, talent Illinois has ever known."

Players like Luther Farrell, Floyd "Dunbar Slim" Johnson, William Jenkins, Eugene Lowery, Lee Arthur Morris, and "Tater" Chandler — all of Madison Dunbar — never had

a chance to strut their stuff at state. Soon after integration, fans caught a glimpse of what could have been as Dunbar's James Wells lit up the state with his prolific scoring.

The great John T. Caldwell, as well as "Big Tree" and "Little Tree" Harris of East St. Louis Lincoln, also never had a chance to play in the state tournament. And, once the IHSA finally allowed the Southern Illinois Conference of Colored High Schools to hold its own championship game annually at Champaign, Lincoln could never get past Dunbar to advance.

"Peck" Price of Carbondale Attucks and 6-8 Oris Hill of Cairo Summer were two of the best players outside the Metro East. Along with legendary coaches Joe Russell of Mounds Douglass, John Clark of Carbondale Attucks, John Algee of

both Carbondale Attucks and Madison Dunbar, C.K. Cole of Carbondale Attucks and Ernie Page of Brooklyn Lovejoy and Madison Dunbar, they formed an elite group denied state tournament participation because of segregation.

Ernie Page Sr., now 91 years old, coached Madison Dunbar to three consecutive Colored Conference championship games at Champaign.

"I'm old enough I can't even remember my own players' names," Page said with a sly grin. "But, really, the players, like the teams, were unforgettable. Fans outside of southern Illinois never knew what they missed. I imagine that even most fans from southern Illinois had no idea what was taking place right under their noses."

Edwards

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Gene Baker knows Edwards will do the job Rosary expects of him.

"Eric's a super student and a real sleeper as a player," Baker said. "He is very bright and a very good athlete. He's a left-footer and has had game-winning goals for us, despite playing in the backfield. His leadership is by

example and he's the type of kid everyone wants in their program."

Rosary liked what he saw in Edwards and Edwards liked what he saw in Rosary.

"I really liked the area and the campus," Edwards said of his visit. "They have a quality soccer program and, also, they are top-notch academically. I'll be majoring in computer sciences. Not only do they have a good program in that major,

but the area provides numerous opportunities for internships in my chosen field."

Baker is high on Edwards' choice and equally high on Edwards himself.

"He's a clean-cut, blue-chip student-athlete. Never do you worry about him in regard to his character," Baker said. "Rosary College is getting a quality kid and athlete."

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Tuition limit bill gets poor grade

Davis proposal would cap tuition increases at state universities

Officials at Southern Illinois University are giving poor grades to a bill proposed by Rep. Steve Davis that would cap tuition increases at state universities.

The Bethalto Democrat's House Bill 147 has advanced to the House floor. It would force state universities to keep yearly tuition increases at 5 percent or at the rate of inflation, whichever is lower.

SIUE Chancellor Nancy Belck said the university has strived to keep tuition prices affordable and at \$2,020 next school year; it remains the cheapest tuition of the 12 state universities.

Belck also said each institution is run by a board of trustees

or regents who are in a better position to determine tuition rate needs than an across-the-board cap by the state.

"SIUE as an entire university is trying to keep tuition rates down. We are being responsible in doing that," she said.

Belck said SIUE would be penalized for keeping its tuition rates down when other universities have not tried as hard. Under a cap, other universities would have a higher rate from which to proceed.

The law would not apply to community colleges, which have low tuitions and can increase property tax rates to meet financial needs, said Davis.

"Since 1980, college tuition costs have increased 338 percent and average wages in Illinois have gone up 101 percent during the same time period. The fact is, everyone else is being limited to raises based on inflation rates of 2 to 3 percent. The universities have no mechanism for pulling in the reins," Davis said.

Davis said state universities "receive every nickel they ask for" from the state legislature, as recommended by the Illinois State Board of Higher Education.

Davis said the institutions should better manage their money. His bill does not contain provisions that would funnel additional state funds to the universities as a replacement for unrealized additional tuition.

"Every Illinoisian should be able to afford to send their kids to school. If tuition continues to go up at the same pace, no one will be able to afford college. They (universities) always have the opportunity to come to the legislature for more funding," Davis said.

Davis said some waste exists at universities and he praised some schools' efforts to eliminate unneeded or duplicated programs and unnecessary deanships.

"They need to constantly take a look at excessive waste," Davis said.

Belck said universities do not receive all of the money they ask for from either the state or the Board of Higher Education. Tuition caps also would affect quality of education at the schools if tuition rates are limited, she said.

The SIUE Board of Trustees has set a tuition plan calling for 4.7 percent increases in each of the next three years, rising to \$2,318 the final year.

In an explanatory letter to Davis, University President Ted Sanders said a committee is hoping to recommend a 3.5 percent increase this spring that would be lagged on to the end of the plan and go into effect in 2002.

As a comparison, Lewis and Clark Community College's 1996 tuition will be \$1,860, which is a 14.5 percent increase over that of 1997.

The community college district also raised its tax rate this year.

In that letter, Sanders said, "In FY 90 and FY 96, tuition at SIUE increased \$559 or 38 percent ... in constant dollars this increase is \$153 or 10 percent."

"Appropriations had less buying power and tuition figures over past years also need to be adjusted to reflect a change from 12 hours to 15 hours per semester," Sanders said.

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School menus

Granite City Public Schools

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Madison Public Schools

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Wednesday - Breakfast: Pancakes; **lunch:** Tacos with cheese, lettuce, and tomato, corn, pineapple, jalapeno, pretzel.

Thursday - Breakfast: Breakfast pizza; **lunch:** Pork patty, potatoes with gravy, green beans, vanilla wafers, bread.

Friday - Good Friday - No School.

Venice Public Schools

Monday - Breakfast: Oatmeal with fruit; **lunch:** Spaghetti with meat sauce, cheese chunks, cole slaw, slice of bread.

Tuesday - Breakfast: Pizza snack; **lunch:** Roast beef on bun, green beans, sweet potatoes.

Wednesday - Breakfast: Tator tots, sliced bacon; **lunch:** Cheese sandwich, vegetable

soup, fruit.

Thursday - Breakfast: Sausage gravy over biscuit; **lunch:** Hot dog on bun, baked beans, tater tots, sliced peaches.

Friday - Good Friday - No School.

Holy Family

Monday - Hot dog or chili dog on bun, corn chips, shredded cheese, carrot sticks, nuts and raisins.

Tuesday - Spaghetti with meat sauce, cheese chunks, lettuce salad, bread, baked apples.

Wednesday - Taco with meat, cheese, lettuce, salsa, peanut butter sandwich, refried beans, chocolate drop cookies.

Thursday - Sloppy Joe on bun, sliced cheese, pickles, French fried potatoes, corn, strawberries.

Friday - Good Friday - No School.

School St. Elizabeth

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Tuesday - Chicken rings, mashed potatoes, green beans, peaches.

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Thursday - No school.
Friday - Good Friday - No school.

Milestones

Minnie McCosky celebrates her 40th birthday today, March 23.

Kevin Sutphin celebrates his 27th birthday today, March 23.

Kevin and Karen Sutphin celebrate their 6th anniversary today, March 23.

Pat, Anita and Angela Durbow each celebrates a birthday today, March 23.

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Jessica Nicole Bauer will celebrate her 15th birthday March 29.

Hepatitis cases all tied to Bethalto students

A recent outbreak of hepatitis A, previously thought to be confined to the Bethalto School District, has been tied to cases in three other schools, health officials said Wednesday.

However, all of the cases may be linked to the Bethalto Boys and Girls Club wrestling team, said Debra Tscheschk, personal health services manager of the Madison County Health Department.

One student each in South Roxana, Brighton and Bunker Hill have come down with the illness in the past two weeks. Brighton and Bunker Hill are in Macoupin County.

When added to the 12 Madison County cases, the two Macoupin County cases bring the total number of confirmed cases to 14.

Madison County health officials said seven more cases, all in the Bethalto area, are suspected.

A pupil at South Roxana Elementary School came down with the symptoms last week, Roxana Superintendent James


Herndon said. He said letters were mailed out to all parents in the district Monday as soon as officials confirmed that the illness was hepatitis A.

Tscheschk said the health department has not confirmed yet whether the South Roxana case is linked to the Bethalto cases, but officials believe it is. "It may be that this student has had contact with students from the Bethalto area."

The two cases in Macoupin County apparently are connected to the Bethalto outbreak, said Karen Hazzard, communicable disease coordinator for the county's Public Health Department. She said both children who were confirmed as having the disease Monday were members of the Bethalto Boys and Girls Club wrestling team.

Neither child required hospitalization, and both are recovering from the effects of the illness, Hazzard said. She said family members of the children and their immediate contacts have received immunizations.

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Horoscope

Sunday, March 23
Venus joins Mercury in energetic and curious Aries. You learn about an interesting new love by burning up the

telephone lines or taking short trips. With so much energy at your disposal, it's easy to spread a little sunlight. People are aggressive, so choose to express yourself in a positive

way. Weekend artists are blessed with inspiration, especially when they focus on the heart.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Inner strength beckons you to act. Children give you clues about how to help them with their self-esteem. Shop for practical items. Your awareness of others leads to romantic possibilities or even a new lease on life.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). A secret kept today will be revealed by the full moon tomorrow. Talk to your body since it knows best. Being image-conscious helps you make new friends. Once a bond is established, stop relying on bad habits.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Avoid the need to obsess. The full moon tomorrow is bountiful, and your generosity

is returned. Certain projects wind down if you don't focus on them enough. Make companionship a focus this evening.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your love life is deeply satisfying — where you expect little, you'll be delightfully overwhelmed. It's OK to spend money on pleasure, so spend it with pleasure! Amazing career gains will happen — do the homework now.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You are in demand socially, so being diplomatic is a must. In the evening, you're a powerhouse of productivity when your precision skills are on 10. Be alert, or you may miss a financial opportunity.

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Clark Bridge documentary may be aired this fall

ALTON — The long-awaited documentary film starring the Clark Bridge and its builders could come to public television's Nova series this fall.

Mark Buckley, executive producer at PBS Channel 9 in St. Louis, which carries the series, said the two-hour film needs a special slot, which could explain part of the delay.

Nova normally airs in a one-hour time period on Tuesday nights, but producers want to run the bridge documentary until during a single showing. It was scheduled for a fall showing last year but was never worked into the schedule.

"Our last information was that it could be shown in November. I would say it is tentatively scheduled for late fall this year," Buckley said.

"To Build a Bridge" was four years in the

making, beginning in 1990 when the unique cable-stay bridge began to rise over the Mississippi River at Alton. It opened Jan. 5, 1994.

Filmmaker Neil Goodwin of Peace River Films in Cambridge, Mass., promises an intimate look at the people who designed and built the bridge. Film crews followed their progress through three years of difficult and dangerous work, and went back to add the final chapter by recording the destruction of the old bridge and grand opening of the new.

Goodwin called the Clark a "beautiful bridge" and portrayed all the builders as "heroes."

As he predicted, the 4,620-foot span built 176 feet above the roadway, won numerous awards for innovative structures and engineering achievement, including the 1996 Prize Bridge

Award in the long span category from the American Institute of Steel Construction.

"It's the only one in the United States built with the common saddle design," said John Harms of Hanson Engineers Inc. of Springfield, designer of the bridge.

The design relies on steel cables looped over two, 250-foot towers to support the open deck.

The film features several time lapse segments that almost show the bridge in motion. They were put together from stills shot almost weekly from the same vantage points while the bridge went up.

"They never show the bridge going up from beginning to end, but there are several segments," said Buckley, who has seen parts of the finished documentary.

One section zooms in on interviews with schoolchildren who happened to visit the site

on a field trip.

"The kids did a class project and built their own bridges and then talked about them," he said.

Footage taken during the Great Flood of '93 shows builders working around the 500-year record flood to finish the \$113 million cable structure on time and under budget, an accomplishment even in ideal weather, he said.

Channel 9 in St. Louis followed the Nova crews to create its own story of how the documentary was made and what producers went through to finish the film.

"It's quite fascinating to see how it was made and edited and how the film crews got to know the guys on the bridge," Buckley said.

The station plans to air the second film as part of the St. Louis broadcast.

— From The Telegraph

Tips on creating gardens in Small Spaces from the experts at

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Does the onset of the spring planting season make you a little envious? You feel you're missing out on another season of gardening because you don't have a lot of property? Your barbecue, table and lawn chair take up 80 percent of your space? Well, don't feel left out. You don't have to miss a thing!

All you have to do is modify things. For example, a magnificent vegetable garden that will yield an abundance of produce will probably be out of the question. But there's no reason you can't have a smaller one. Forego the 75-foot maple tree in favor of one more suited to your yard. And one of the most ideal solutions is container gardening.

There are virtually no limits when it comes to container gardening. Patios, balconies, decks and porches can all be great places.

Frank's sells a wide variety of containers. Big, small, in-between, you name it, there's a container. Designs and colors abound, too, so there's no problem choosing a suitable one. Your only criteria for a container is that it should be the correct size and have adequate drainage holes.

Container gardening offers some advantages over a traditional garden. For example, you're starting with ideal soil, something most conventional gardens don't have, at least not at the onset. You can move plants about with ease when they're in containers. Since the gardens are smaller, they're easier to maintain, and any potential problems are much more likely to be spotted before they become big ones. Weeds are easier to control. And finally, for people with limited time, patience, mobility or stamina, container gardening is the ideal situation.

Plants in containers do have some differences, however. They generally need to be watered more often, since they have limited soil in which to grow, and it won't hold as much moisture. On the other side of the coin, watering a small garden

takes but mere minutes. And the plants will probably have to be fed more often, but we're talking minutes again.

There are a few precautions when creating a container garden. First, a large container can get quite heavy when full, so it must have a sturdy supporting surface. A deck or apartment balcony can safely support a few containers, but if you plan on several, make sure the structure will support the weight. Apartment-dwellers, check with the landlord first!

Hanging baskets are another great solution to small-space gardening. There are also a few more precautions, but not many. Hanging baskets weigh more than many people realize, so they should be securely fastened. For indoor baskets, make sure the hook is securely fastened to a wall stud. Never use a wall anchor and attempt to fasten it to the plaster or drywall; it simply won't support the weight. If, may at first, but it will give way eventually. Wall studs are normally located every 16 inches, so once you find the first one, it's easy.

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(BAC photo)

'Smilla's Sense of Snow' has convincing plot

A lone prehistoric fisherman, spear in hand, stands patiently over a hole in the Arctic ice, waiting for a seal to surface. His sled dogs waken to hear and see a fiery ball crashing to Earth. The man and his dogs race desperately to escape the immense wall of ice crashing toward them.

That is the powerful opening of "Smilla's Sense of Snow," based on a popular novel by Peter Hoeg. It's an intriguing

tale, relating a modern-day result of the fallen meteor. The renowned Dane Bille August ("Pelle the Conqueror") directed the film, which has a savage beauty in its ice-scapes. But the urban story falters, straining credibility.

Smilla Jaspersen (Julia Ormond) is part-native Greenland, part-American, living in Copenhagen. Disturbed by her mixed identity, she has been a troublemaker all her

life. She is an expert in snow, but refuses classroom regimentation and has never earned a degree.

After study one day, she hears sirens approaching her apartment building. She arrives to find an Inuit boy she has befriended dead from falling off a roof. She refuses to consider it an accident.

She launches her own investigation and discovers an insidious plot. This is dangerous

business, but she persists. A mysterious neighbor (Gabriel Byrne) becomes her ally (or enemy?), and eventually her lover. As she gets closer to the truth, both the police and hit men try to thwart her.

The plot is as labyrinthian as most whodunits, and it is eerily convincing as long as it sticks to the mystery. A snow-covered Copenhagen adds to the mood. But as the mystery starts to unravel, August crashes into the realm of science fiction. The entire effect is shattered in an explosion of Hollywood proportions.

"Smilla's Sense of Snow" is a release of Fox Searchlight, 20th Century Fox's subsidiary, for prestige films. Bernd Eichinger and Martin Moszkowicz produced, Ann Biderman wrote the screenplay. Rated R. Running time: 105 minutes.

— Associated Press

Stars

(Continued from Page 7B)

AUGUST. (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Give fun activities, as well as intellectual ones, the green light. Partners are in need of your support even if they're quiet about it. The heart is a better judge of character when working with the mind.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). If you want to be king or queen of your castle, you might have to dethrone someone. A nebulous frame of mind is rewarding. Get in touch with your sensual side. Carefully consider your career alternatives.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Family conferences go much better than expected. Skipping an expense may be impossible today. Maintain your self-control if loved ones become agile in an argument. Destiny is working for you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You have accurate psychic impressions. Be gentle with next-door neighbors. Parties are a smashing success. You need a certain amount of variety to stay happy, so buy clothes with a little flash — you can carry it off.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You are the strong shoulder everyone needs. Being judgmental now won't resolve anything. Come from a true generosity of heart, and you'll make more friends than you can imagine having.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Complete control is at your helm. Don't let someone make you feel otherwise — let that person know honestly, yet be assertive. Lions have a special bond with you, but tentatively, it looks like friendship for now.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Rise to the occasion if it calls for you to act on important issues. Keep your faith strong. Curb your tendency to want to run the entire show. In order to stabilize your life, find the middle path and avoid extremes.

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AUTOMOTIVE

British Beauty

Jaguar XK8 is automotive art

By Tom Strongman

The first new Jaguar sports car in 21 years is a visual masterpiece. The XK8's long, lovely snout, reminiscent of the E-type sports cars from the 1960s, charms you immediately.

While its curvaceous, graceful flanks also mimic Jag's of the past, the overall look is distinctly modern. Both coupe and convertible versions are offered, although the convertible I drove is the best looking. Prices start at \$64,900 for the coupe and \$69,900 for the convertible, about \$7,000 more than the XJS. Not cheap, but less than competitors from Mercedes-Benz and BMW.

Since Ford Motor Co. bought Jaguar, numerous changes throughout the company have taken place, and the XK8 is an example. Simultaneous engineering by teams with different disciplines enabled the new Jag to come to market in record development time. The engine design is exclusively Jaguar, but Ford kicked in needed development money.

In keeping with the XK8's luxury status, the search for the best quality components led to the use of an engine management and air conditioning unit made by Nippondenso, instead of Lucas. The English company often chided for unreliability. The convertible's folding top comes from a German company.

Under the hood, an all-new aluminum, 4.0-liter, twin-cam V-8 with 250 horsepower waits to do your bidding. While a V-8 is not the usual fare for Jaguar, known in the past for its silky V-12s and twin-cam six-cylinders, this power plant is as sweet as English jam.

Twist the key and it settles into a slightly impatient idle. Guide the gear lever through the quirky J-shaped shift gate and you're ready to roll. The peculiarly shaped shift gate makes no sense to me, but getting used to it comes soon.

1997
Jaguar XK8

Engine: 4.0-liter, V-8
Transmission: Automatic
Wheelbase: 101.9 inches
Curb Weight: 3,867 pounds
Base Price: \$69,900
Price as Driven: \$72,480
MPG Rating: 17 city, 24 highway

Toe the throttle and the engine responds with a creamy smooth power delivery. Punch it and you're rewarded with acceleration that is satisfying but not as brutal, say, as the new Corvette.

The five-speed automatic transmission is programmed to give soft shifts, even at full throttle, and it works seamlessly around town.

Traction control and anti-lock brakes enhance four-weather performance, making this a truly year-round sports car, although I don't think I would risk its handsome sheet metal in snow and ice.

On the highway, the XK8 is relaxed and confident. Wind noise with the top in place is reasonably muted, but it is still louder than the coupe. The loudest noise comes from the singing of the 17-inch diameter tires.

In night driving, the headlights were among the best I have driven behind, with the high beams being especially effective.

The cockpit is snug but lavishly appointed. Leather abounds, and the face of the dash is covered in gorgeous wood. The steering wheel and gearshift lever also are wood, and they elicit a tactile pleasure that is peerless.

The seats were among my least favorite things. The bottom cushion did not have adequate height adjustment for me to get comfortable, which was aggravated in part by not having a place to rest my left foot. A place for your foot is needed because of

the legs-straight-out seating position.

The design of the electronic seat controls was among the best I have come across.

Back seats are suitable for briefcases or the odd bag of groceries, but not much else.

Getting in and out requires ducking to miss the low top. Some folks complained about bumping their heads, but I did not have that trouble.

Raising and lowering the top is a one-touch operation that can be done at speeds up to 10 mph. Wind management is good with the top down, although the recent weather did not allow much alfresco motoring. On cold mornings the heated seats were most welcome.

The stereo had excellent sound quality, but the compact disc changer was in the trunk.

According to Jaguar, about 7,000 XK8s will be available for sale this year. Considering its sharp looks and powerful V-8, I expect them to be sold quickly as buyers rejoice at again having a new English sports car.

The base price of the XK8 convertible is \$69,900. Our test car was equipped with the optional all-weather package that brought the sticker price to \$72,480, including delivery.

The basic warranty is for four years or 50,000 miles.

Point: It's great to have a new Jag sports car. The XK8 is thoroughly modern with its aluminum V-8, traction control, anti-lock brakes and five-speed automatic transmission.

Traditional wood and leather dominate the interior, and the top is absolutely effortless.

Counterpoint: The bottom seat cushions do not have adequate adjustment, the tires are reasonably noisy and the J-shaped shift gate is awkward.

Rearview mirror best feature of new Mustang Cobra

By Rick Stoff

Driving a fiery red sports car outfitted with an air dam, spoiler, polished aluminum wheels and wide-profile tires feels like walking around in a forest with a bull's eye on your back.

Driving a new, bright red Ford Mustang Cobra along a two-lane highway in central Missouri was a case in point. Sure, the car was pleading for a downshift, to have its gas pedal stabbed to make those fat tires squeal around asphalt curves while the loose exhaust system rumbled and bumbled.

But the sixth sense knew better—the eyes in the back of the head accurately detected the outline of a law enforcement vehicle more than two hills back.

So the Cobra was driven at exactly the speed limit as the lights on top of the patrol car grew bigger in the rearview mirror, and the passenger in the Cobra finally stopped complaining about motion sickness and the risks of encountering a wet spot on the road during a cloudless, sunny day.

The Cobra coasted along at the speed limit as the police car—obviously cruising a bit over the speed limit—pulled nearly onto the Cobra's back bumper just before the highway widened to four lanes at a small town known to be a speed trap.

Now I had two good reasons to idle along in second gear, and the police vehicle pulled alongside to pass.

Turned out to be a Boone County Sheriff's Department vehicle more than an hour from home, carrying three passengers who didn't look real happy to be strapped shoulder to shoulder in the back seat. Even if the deputy had been stopped for speeding (is there a statute that exempts police and sheriff's cars from speed limits?), those passengers certainly wouldn't have served as good witnesses for either side of the case.

But once out of town and off the little highway onto even smaller country roads, the Cobra was kicked back to life.

The latest Cobra is a bit of an anomaly in the performance car world, one that actually carries a smaller engine than its predecessor. Gone is a 5.0-liter V-8 to make room for a 4.6-liter V-8 that reflects newer design and technology.

The engine boasts of dual overhead cams activating 32 valves. It is good for 305 horsepower and 300-pound-feet of torque. With speed limits being what they are, most drivers will derive more satisfaction from the low-end torque and acceleration than from the horsepower at the top end.

Among the many features Ford ascribes to the Cobra is a dual stainless-steel exhaust system with the fewest possible bends and a cross-over pipe that balances exhaust gas pulses to, in theory, assist in producing those 305 horsepower. Rumor has it, however, that the exhaust system's primary purpose is to make the car sound neat.

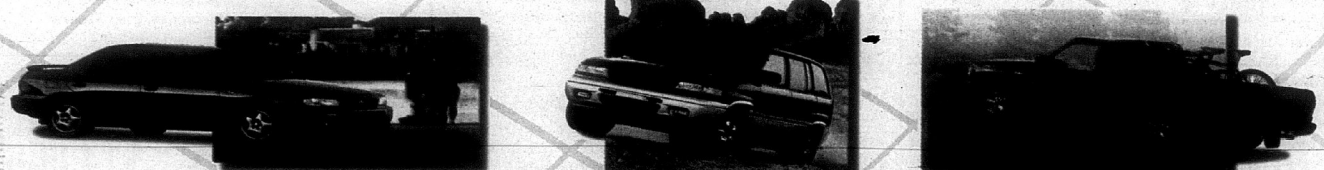
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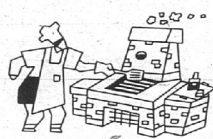
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Film timetable for Sunday, March 23. For times on other days or to confirm these times, check local theaters.

CARMIKE PETITE
1-70 and Hwy. 157, Collinsville, 344-1708
Liar (PG-13) 12:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00
Return of the Jedi (PG) 12:30, 3:30, 6:30, 9:15
Jungle 2 Jungle (PG) 1:10, 3:15, 7:10, 9:15
Private Parts (R) 1:00, 3:30, 7:00, 9:30

COTTONWOOD EDWARDS-VILLE CINEMA
Edwardsville, Ill.
Liar (PG-13) 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 9:50
Vegas Vacation (PG) 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30
Jungle 2 Jungle (PG) 1:30, 4:00, 6:30, 9:15

LINCOLN THEATER
103 E. Main (Belleville), 233-0123
Michael (PG) 1:45, 7:15, 9:20
Beavis & Butt-Head Do America (PG-13) 2:00, 7:05, 9:10
101 Dalmatians (G) 1:30, 7:00
First Strike (PG-13) 9:15

NAMOOKI CINEMA
30 Namooki Drive, 877-8660
Scream (R) 2:15, 4:45, 7:30
Dante's Peak (PG-13) 2:00, 4:30, 7:00
1200 Central Park Dr., O'Fallon, Ill., 822-8900

O'FALLON 15 CINE
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Liar (PG-13) 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:40, 9:50
Private Parts (R) 1:10, 4:20, 7:30, 9:30

QUAD CINEMA
Belleville, Ill.
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The Empire Strikes Back (PG) 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:00
Jungle 2 Jungle (PG) 1:45, 4:30, 6:45, 9:15

RITZ 3 THEATER
401 E. Main St., Belleville, 233-3535
101 Dalmatians (G) 1:15, 4:00, 6:45, 9:25
Beavis & Butt-Head Do America (PG-13) 2:30, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45
Michael (PG) 1:45, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30

ROXANA CINE THEATER
Rexmoor, Ill., 238-8748
Fools Rush In (PG-13) 1:30, 4:15, 7:00
City of Industry (R) 12:50, 3:00, 5:15, 7:40, 10:00

ST. CLAIR 10
80 Ludwig Drive, 398-8283
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338 S. Kirkwood Road, 866-1161
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The English Patient (R) 1:15, 4:45, 8:15

LINDENBERG 8
7445 S. Kirkwood, 487-0017
101 Dalmatians (G) 1:35, 4:55, 7:40, 9:55
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NEWS

Gator tales Louisiana natives shares Cajun heritage

By Ron Wisdom
Staff writer

Oran Moore's neighbors call him the "Gator Man."
In Lake Charles, La., Moore's hometown, looking out your front door and spying an alligator is no different from seeing a dog or cat here. The alligators are so thick you don't even notice them, Moore said in his thick Cajun accent.
But what's familiar to him is quite an oddity for his neighbors at his new home in Troy. Since Christmas, Moore has sold more than 200 alligator heads — preserved and displayed — as decorations.

Some are mounted on wooden plaques; others just sit on the table, guaranteed to start a conversation.
Moore's friends hunt the alligators back home in Louisiana and mail the heads to him to sell.

Moore said that he has never hunted alligators because it's no big deal to him. "I've seen them so often when I go fishing and crabbing, they just sit along the bank," he said. "To me, it's like a dog you see sitting on the side of the road."
Moore said alligators are hunted during twice-yearly seasons just like deer are here.

The skin is sold to make boots, belts and purses. The meat goes for about \$7 a pound. "I eat it all the time," Moore said. "You can make it into hamburger patties, meatballs — make gravy on it — eat it any way. But you got to cure it, you got to kill that wild smell."

Moore moved to Troy about two years ago to be closer to his daughter, Melissa Ann, 8, who attends Freeman Elementary School.

The retired oil-field worker said his hobby gets quite a reaction from his neighbors. "A lot of them never saw any before," he said. "I get phone calls all the time. I've got orders I can't fill yet."

Depending on size, the heads sell for \$25 to \$200.
"Everybody wants them big ones," he said. "Accordions and washboards — the key ingredients to Zydeco music — sit on Moore's living room floor. He said he is a "poor Cajun" and glad to share his heritage with his new friends.

Moore said he is going home in September to kill a 6-foot gator. He plans to have the whole thing cured and mounted and take it to area schools as part of science-based biology classes. "I'm going to get me a big one, I know that," he said. "It's going to look real, just like it was coming out of the water. It'll be right up on its feet and everything."

VFW Supports 'Mobile Meals'

The Madison VFW Post 7451 is interested in helping people. Feb. 6, people who are homebound, or who live alone and are unable to prepare meals, received a VFW helping hand.

Commander Dan Poston presented a \$500 check to the St. Elizabeth Medical Center Ladies Auxiliary supporting their Mobile Meals program, which brings hot meals to those who cannot cook for themselves.

"We know that there are plenty of veterans who have been served by Mobile Meals over the years," said VFW Vice commander Harold Morrison Jr.

"It's a wonderful service to anyone who needs it, and the Madison VFW intends to contribute more in the future," said Bergfield. "Mobile Meals exists because of the determination of the St. Elizabeth Medical Center and the generous support of the United Way."

St. Elizabeth Medical Center has many individuals and organizations who contribute to this program. "Five days a week, including all holidays, recipients receive a nutritious meal. The price is only \$3 delivered; however, in 1996 the meal actually cost \$5. The program furnishes meals



Madison VFW Post 7451 contributes \$500 toward the Mobile Meals program sponsored by St. Elizabeth Medical Center Auxiliary. Pictured left to right are Auxiliary President Cheryl Humphrey; Helen Bergfield, chairwoman of the Mobile Meals program; Auxiliary Treasurer Helen Bischoff; Dan Poston, commander of VFW Post 7451; Harold Morrison Jr., vice commander; and Linda McMurray, St. Elizabeth Associate and member of the VFW Auxiliary.

that meet each individual's dietary need as prescribed by their physician. "The program receives no government support for this

program. It serves people in an area from Mitchell through Eagle Park.

Scouts hold Recognition Dinner

Kenneth Wheat was the Master of Ceremonies for the 6th annual Cahokia Mounds District Recognition Dinner presented by the Knights of Columbus Hall in Granite City on Jan. 18.

The United States Flag was presented by Luther Pugh, a scoutmaster, and Reggie Brooks, JoAnn Buddemeyer, Tom Byrd, Jane Davis-Byrd, Marilyn Dresch, Lisa Frey, Alexis Lux, and Welles-Len Leaders Training — JoAnn Buddemeyer, Marilyn Dresch, Ken Holmes, Gary Jarman, Linda Lowery, Alexis Lux and Kenneth Shelton; Cubmasters Training — Jim Greer, Stephen Pule, Tim Schwartz and Cathy Thompson; Cub Scouters Training — Kathy Antoff, Jane Davis-Byrd, Anita Holmes and Jeanne Townsend.

Jim Johns, district Boy Scout Leader Training Chairman, presented the following awards: Boy Scout Leaders Training — George Brenton, Tom Byrd, Debbie Dust, Bill Dust, Bob Evans, Donna Evans, Mike Nance, Brad Wheeler and David Whittemore; Scoutmaster's Key — Richard Townsend.

Bob Smekal, District Commissioner, presented the following awards: Commissioners Arrowhead — Julie Hammer, Tim Weiser and Julie Hammer; Distinguished Commissioner — Everett Turbaugh.

Craig Wheeler, council Wood Badge chairman, presented Judith Smekal, Brenda Antoff and Bob Evans with their Wood Badge. Smekal, neckerchief, woggle and beads. All Wood Badgers presented their patrol and a hardy round of the Wood Badge song was enjoyed.

Pat Fookes and Bob Evans recognized the units for fall round-up and school night for scouting achievements: Packs 13, 31, 42, 43, 57, 72, 86, 91, and 95; Troops 31, 38, 46, 57, and 93.

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Dennis Lunsenbeck, district advancement chairman, announced the total advancement for 1996: Bobcats, 299; wolf, 206; bear, 20; eagle, 12; total, 525. There were four palmas after eagle and a total of 1555 merit badges earned. Boys were awarded the Eagle rank in 1996 are Timothy Bosworth and Michael Rudy of Troop 12, Karl Debnay of Troop 13, Hamid Turay and Matthew Williams of Troop 30, Logan Bryan and Robert Burns of 36, Charles Hollum, Scott Taylor and Steven Van Hoose of Troop 38, Andrew Diaber and Robert Hammer of Troop 40, Robert Hoffman of Troop 43, Terry Kreher and William Smart of Troop 46, Douglas Hulme of Troop 71, Michael Molter of Troop 91, and Michael Morris of Troop 93.

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Dennis Lunsenbeck, district advancement chairman, announced the total advancement for 1996: Bobcats, 299; wolf, 206; bear, 20; eagle, 12; total, 525. There were four palmas after eagle and a total of 1555 merit badges earned. Boys were awarded the Eagle rank in 1996 are Timothy Bosworth and Michael Rudy of Troop 12, Karl Debnay of Troop 13, Hamid Turay and Matthew Williams of Troop 30, Logan Bryan and Robert Burns of 36, Charles Hollum, Scott Taylor and Steven Van Hoose of Troop 38, Andrew Diaber and Robert Hammer of Troop 40, Robert Hoffman of Troop 43, Terry Kreher and William Smart of Troop 46, Douglas Hulme of Troop 71, Michael Molter of Troop 91, and Michael Morris of Troop 93.

Commissioner presented the following awards: Commissioners Arrowhead — Julie Hammer, Tim Weiser and Julie Hammer; Distinguished Commissioner — Everett Turbaugh.

Craig Wheeler, council Wood Badge chairman, presented Judith Smekal, Brenda Antoff and Bob Evans with their Wood Badge. Smekal, neckerchief, woggle and beads. All Wood Badgers presented their patrol and a hardy round of the Wood Badge song was enjoyed.

Pat Fookes and Bob Evans recognized the units for fall round-up and school night for scouting achievements: Packs 13, 31, 42, 43, 57, 72, 86, 91, and 95; Troops 31, 38, 46, 57, and 93.

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Verbeck, Harszcy to chair MS walk

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society has announced the selection of Patricia Verbeck of Collinsville and Becky Ray of Swansea as chairwomen of the MS Walk, which will take place at 9 a.m. Saturday, April 12, at Eastpoint Plaza in Collinsville, Illinois 157 and Interstate 70.

Similar walks will take place in more than 35 communities in Eastern Missouri and South-

ern Illinois as part of the National MS Walk weekend. Last year, nearly 3,000 walkers in 15 states raised more than \$200,000 to benefit the work of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. The walkers ask family, friends and co-workers to sponsor them by pledging donations. For more information about the MS Walk or the NMSS, call Tricia at 345-2591.

The progression, severity and specific symptoms cannot be forecast. For more information about the MS Walk or the NMSS, call Tricia at 345-2591.

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NEWS

Study finds value of Big Brothers work

By Kimberly Haas
Staff writer

Researchers have found that programs geared toward children, like Big Brothers/Big Sisters, improve their schoolwork and make them less likely to use drugs. Public/Private Ventures (P/PV), based in Philadelphia, undertook the task of researching the effects of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of America on children, ages 10 to 16, over a one-year period. P/PV is a national research organization with more than 18 years of experience in studying child development and social service issues.

In 1992 and 1993, 959 boys and girls in eight states were involved in the task. About half of the children were matched with a Big Brother or Big Sister, or "Bigs," while the other half were assigned to a waiting list. Children were assigned at random to either group.

"It was a massive undertaking; Public/Private Ventures looked at mentoring programs in general," said Barbara Cempura, executive director of Big Brothers/Big

Sisters of Southwestern Illinois. The matched children met with their "Bigs" about three times a month for about one year. Results of the study found that Little Brothers and Little Sisters were:

- ✓ 46 percent less likely to begin using illegal drugs.
- ✓ 27 percent less likely to begin using alcohol.
- ✓ 52 percent less likely to skip school.
- ✓ 37 percent less likely to skip class.

More confident of their performance in schoolwork. One-third less likely to hit someone. Getting along better with their families.

(The survey) proves Big Brothers/Big Sisters works. With all of the articles about how hopeless things are, we're looking at the impact of putting an adult in the life of a youngster," Cempura said. "We're obviously very pleased with the results."

Currently, Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Southwestern Illinois has 150 "Bigs" in the program. However, there are still 160 children in the area waiting to be matched, Cempura said. The agency asks adult

volunteers to spend between 10 to 14 hours a month with a child, Cempura said. Most of the children are between the ages of seven and 14.

"We're trying to figure out the needs kids have and how to meet the needs of the children," Cempura said. For more information on Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Southwestern Illinois, contact the agency at 398-3162.

Shell expects little effect from proposal

Officials at Shell Wood River Refining Co.'s plant in Roxana said Tuesday they expect an agreement between Shell Oil Co. and Texaco Inc. to combine some operations will have little effect on the local refinery and its employees.

Shell and Texaco, both based in Houston, announced Tuesday they will combine refining and marketing operations that account for 14 percent of gasoline sales in the western and Midwestern United States.

"Our indication is that this will not have a significant effect on this refinery," said Tara Condon-Tullier, of Shell Wood River Refining. "We don't know yet about our operations, but we don't anticipate any major changes."

The two oil giants also said Tuesday that "significant progress" had been made in talks to join their eastern U.S. refining and marketing businesses with Saudi Refining Inc.

Shell will own 56 percent and Texaco 44 percent of the as-yet-unnamed company, which also will combine nationwide transportation and lubricants businesses.

"We are going to be working for a new company when the agreement is finalized. That's a pretty major change," Condon-Tullier said. "Beyond that, we don't see any significant changes at this

refinery."

Roxana Mayor Jim Loyd said Tuesday he had just heard the news of the Shell-Texaco agreement. He said he wanted to find out more about the proposed deal before commenting in detail.

"(Shell) must figure it's good for business, and what's good for Shell is good for Roxana," Loyd said. He said he had heard Shell and Texaco were discussing joint ventures about a month ago.

Shell accounts for about 93 percent of the \$96 million total of assessed valuation in Roxana, the mayor said. The village's school district relies heavily on property tax revenues from the refinery for its operations.

Shell's Condon-Tullier said that the company to be formed by Shell and Texaco hasn't yet named a chief executive officer. She said the local plant's 1,100 employees will have to wait for the formation of the new company before its officials decide whether there will be a new structure to the business.

"We're just excited about the possibilities that a new company can bring," Condon-Tullier said.

Shell Wood River Refining produces about 271,000 barrels of refined gasoline per day. Condon-Tullier said the refinery will remain at its current capacity.

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Childbirth Refresher Class

The Childbirth Refresher Class is designed to give experienced parents updated information about the latest trends in labor, delivery and newborn care. Limited to those who will deliver at Memorial, this class is held from 7 to 9 p.m. on the first Monday of the month. \$5 per couple fee. For more information, call 257-5855.

Vaginal Birth After Cesarean (VBAC) Class

This class addresses questions about vaginal births after cesarean (VBAC) and why VBAC's can be safer than repeat cesarean deliveries for both mother and baby. You also will learn how to maximize your chances of having a vaginal birth. Class meets 7-9 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of the month. It is free to those attending Prepared Childbirth or Refresher Classes (we strongly recommend attending these as well) or \$5 fee per couple if not taking these classes. Call 257-5855 to register.

Baby Care and Parenting Classes

This two-session program teaches you how to care for, play with and protect your infant from birth to age 12 months. Topics presented include: newborn care, infant feeding, baby bathing, when to call the

doctor, home and toy safety, returning to work, finding a good babysitter and traveling with baby. Held from 7 to 9 p.m. on the third and fourth Wednesday of every month, this class has a \$5 per couple fee. Call 257-5855 to register.

Sibling Class

Memorial Maternity Center offers a Sibling Class to make it easier for big brothers and sisters to prepare for and accept a new baby. This class is designed for children ages 3 through 12 and meets from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on the first Monday of each month. Limited to children whose sibling will be born at Memorial Maternity Center. \$2 per child fee. Class size is limited and reservations are requested. Call 257-5855.

New Family Night

Once you have a baby, take time for an informal evening out. Meet with other new parents and a registered nurse to discuss

parenting concerns and have questions answered. Held 7-8:30 p.m. on the first Monday of the month. Infants welcome; \$5 per couple. Call 257-5855 to register.

Prenatal Breastfeeding Class

This class is designed to provide vital information to those who are considering breastfeeding their baby. The class meets from 7 to 9 p.m. on the second Wednesday of every month. This class has a \$5 fee per couple. Both parents are encouraged to attend. For more information, call 257-5855.

Breastfeeding Help for New Mothers

This service addresses concerns you may have about breastfeeding after you are discharged from the hospital. Information and support will be provided for those crucial early days and weeks of nursing a newborn. There is no fee for this service. Call 257-5855 to talk with a nurse or to arrange a help session.



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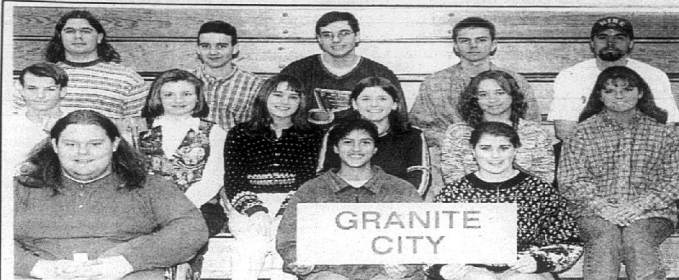
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BAC plans Kids' Series

Entertainment, education and excitement are offered in the new Kids' Series, co-sponsored by Belleville Area College's Granite City Campus and the *Suburban Journals*. All activities will be held on Mondays in the cafeteria at the campus, 4950 Maryville Road.

The evening of March 24 promises to be "egg-citing" when the Celebrate Spring Coloring Contest and Party is held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Kids can listen to a storyteller, paint eggs, make crafts and have their pictures taken with the Spring Bunny for \$2. Proceeds will benefit the GCC Kids' Club.

Children and parents will learn many useful safety tips from 6:30 to 9 p.m. April 28, when the Kids' Series concludes with GCC's third Child Safety Night. Admission is free. The Granite City Police and Fire departments will make presentations. Also, fingerprinting will be provided and children will get to tour a fire truck and an ambulance.



(BAC photo by DOUG MCINTYRE)

Academic Challenge — The Granite City High School Worldwide Youth in Science and Engineering Team recently participated in the WYSE Academic Challenge held at Belleville Area College's Belleville Campus. Students who participated included, from left, front row, Shawn Gordon, Sangeeta Kumar, Melanie Gensert; second row, Joe Herman, Laura Davis, Tarra Falter, Sara Schwager, Cara Nighohossian, Amanda Crabtree; and third row, Tim Dittman, Chad Kleindorfer, Cory Simpson, Tom Barnett and Mike Roeder. The competition included tests in math, English, chemistry, physics, biology, engineering graphics and computer fundamentals.

Births

Wicker

Amie and Anthony Wicker of Granite City have announced the birth of their second child, a son. Brenden James was born Oct. 18, 1996, at St. Mary's Health Center in Clayton at 9:15 p.m. He weighed 6 pounds, 8 ounces, and joins a brother, Andrew, 2.

Maternal grandparents are Charlotte and Richard Parker of Mitchell.

Paternal grandparents are Emile and Betty Wicker of Collinsville.

Jensen

Gregg and Lisa Jensen of Mascoutah have announced the birth of their first child, a daughter. Emily Catherine was born Oct. 22, 1996, at St. John's Mercy Medical Center at 9:48 p.m. She weighed 7 pounds, 9 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Sandy Anderson of Fort Myers, Fla., and Herman Weekley of Hillboro, Mo.

Paternal grandparents are Marlin and Joan Jensen of Staten Island, N.Y.

Pritchard

Terry and Colleen Pritchard of Granite City have announced the birth of their third child, a daughter. Allison Joan was born Oct. 23,

1996, at St. John's Mercy Medical Center at 11:39 a.m. She weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces, and joins a brother, Joshua, and a sister, Kalle. Maternal grandmother is Joanne Timmie of Florissant, Mo.

Paternal grandparents are Robert and Virginia Pritchard of Granite City.

Huber

Keith and Barbara Huber of Granite City have announced the birth of their second child, a daughter. Abby Elizabeth was born Oct. 24, 1996, at Missouri Baptist Medical Center at 1:50 p.m. She weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces, and joins a brother, Joseph Andrew, 3½.

Maternal grandparents are George and Helen Franch of Madison.

Paternal grandparents are Al and Carol Huber of St. Louis.

Braverman

Alan C. and Rebecca G. Braverman of Belleville have announced the birth of their first child, a daughter.

Emily Barbara was born Oct. 24, 1996, at Barnes-Jewish Hospital at 4:15 p.m. She weighed 6 pounds, 9 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Robert and Marilyn Glatbrook of O'Fallon. Paternal grandmother is Barbara Braverman of Sedalia, Mo.

Baer

Randy and Jenny Baer of Trenton have announced the birth of their third child, a son.

Blake Andrew was born Oct. 25, 1996, at Missouri Baptist Medical Center at 4:47 a.m. He weighed 6 pounds, 9 ounces, and joins Shelby, 5, and Kyle 3½.

Maternal grandparents are Barb and Elmer Becher of Trenton.

Paternal grandparents are Ralph and Jean Baer of Trenton.

Salon 53 awards funds

Madison County Salon 53, Eight and Forty, held its meeting on Feb. 18 at the Bethalto American Legion Home. Hostesses for the meal were Elsie Vierge and Wanda Taylor, both of Bethalto, and Nancy Paeltz of Alton. Seventeen were served.

Chapeau Frances Eibeck of Edwardsville conducted the business meeting. A total of \$500 will be donated to Departmental Chapeau Judy Zimmerman's project at the Spring Pouvour in Elgin, Ill.

Dorothy Sooy, Children and Youth chairwoman, collected the donations for the Camp Superkids campships. This is held in July for asthmatic children by the American Lung Association of Illinois.

Irene Schneck, Nurses Scholarship chairwoman, received \$137.71 for a special calendar project for this fund. She collected \$8.50 more at the meeting.

The attendance prize was won by Frances Cowley of Madison.

A full scholarship for Camp Superkids was voted totaling \$240. This money was collected throughout the year at meetings.

Zimmerman of Highland reported on attending the Lincoln Day Pilgrimage in Springfield and placing a wreath for the Eight and Forty during the ceremonies at the Tomb.

Plans were made for an open house to be held following the business meeting at the Spring Pouvour in Elgin in April. Madison County Salon will be hostess.

The plans were discussed for the annual Chapeau Party to be held in April at the Innkeeper Restaurant in Hamel.

The March meeting was held March 18 in Alhambra at the American Legion.

SIUE sets receptions for new students

Eight receptions for newly admitted students for the fall semester at SIUE are being planned.

Gene Magac, university director of that office, said the events will provide opportunities for faculty, staff, students and alumni to meet prospective students and answer questions about enrolling at SIUE.

Each reception is scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. and end at about 9 p.m. Those who plan to participate should notify the university five days in advance. The schedule includes:

SIUE campus
Tuesday, March 25 — University Center Conference Center
Wednesday, March 26 — Residence Hall, Multipurpose Room
Thursday, April 10, and Tuesday, April 15 — Residence Hall, Multipurpose Room

Other locations
Tuesday, April 1 — Holiday Inn, Mount Vernon
Wednesday, April 2 — Holiday Inn East, 3100 S. Dirksen Parkway, Springfield
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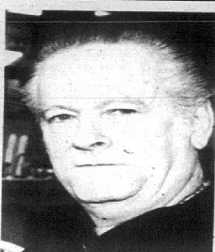
By SHIRLEY VALENCIA



Mary Zellerman, Granite City
"Yes, if I know them and feel they are qualified for the job, I will work for them."



Richard Conaway, Granite City
"Yes, if I feel they can do a good job and will help our city to grow and prosper."



Bennie Hutchins, Granite City
"No, I have too many friends on both sides to get personally involved in politics."



Frank Diak Jr., Granite City
"Yes, I do. It is very important to keep up on the local issues and state government."



Pam Granger, Granite City
"Yes, I do. We have to stay in touch with what's going on."

Students head to Appalachia

Robert Dellamano of Granite City is among 20 students from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville who are heading to the Appalachian region of Berea, Ky., for an "alternative" spring break in which they will participate in a volunteer, service-learning project.

Dellamano, who is majoring in genetic engineering at the University, will tour Berea College and its traditional craft program and the Falls of the Ohio, among other activities, with the goals of learning about social, economic and cultural issues.

The group will participate in a community with an educational-based volunteer project. Before leaving, the students will participate in two orientation training sessions.

The Appalachian Ministry Education Resource Center has invited the students to spend three days preparing a site for an organic garden, building a fence for the garden area, and constructing a mechanic tool shed. They will also learn about local culture, along with individual, communal, and societal environmental sustainability.

The alternative spring break is cosponsored by the SIUE Student Leadership Development Program, and the United Christian Foundation and the Catholic Campus Ministry, both at the SIUE Religious Center, as well as the Christian Student Fellowship.

Argosy boat escapes Ohio flooding

The flooding Ohio River eased up to Argosy Gaming Co.'s new gambling boat in Lawrenceburg, Ind., but the 374-foot vessel stayed high and dry.

The river crested only a foot away from the levee gates that protect the \$100-million-a-year gambling operation in Lawrenceburg, casino general manager Arnold Block said.

"The floodwater was lapping close to the levee gates," Block said.

"If the river would have risen another foot, the levee gates would have been closed and our gaming boat would have been shut down."

The Lawrenceburg riverboat casino opened Dec. 10 and raked in \$4.3 million in the last three weeks of December from gamblers from Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky, Block said.

Argosy's Lawrenceburg casino is one of the most strategic riverboat gambling operations in the country, drawing gamblers from three states.

"We're averaging about 8,000 customers a day," said Block, who manages the multi-million-dollar operation for Alton-based Argosy.

The flooding Ohio River raged through thousands of acres of land in Kentucky, Indiana and Tennessee and forced hundreds of people out of their homes.

The river crested about 65.5 feet near Lawrenceburg, 13 feet

above flood stage.

"We never missed a gaming cruise during the flood," Block said. "We're making nine cruises a day during the week and 10 cruises on Friday and Saturday."

Argosy built two emergency ramps for riverboat passengers during the flood as a safety measure to comply with local zoning regulations, Block said.

The Lawrenceburg casino is a temporary 374-foot-long gambling boat until a new \$37 million riverboat is completed this summer, Block said.

The new casino will hold 4,400 passengers and crew and provide 100 table games and 2,500 slot machines.

Gaming analysts predict that Argosy's Lawrenceburg operation may rake in a record \$250 to \$300 million a year in revenue after the new boat starts its gambling cruises.

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